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Hassan II calls for Islamic summit

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RABAT (AP) — King Hassan II of Morocco called Wednesday for an Islamic summit meeting following the rioting at Mecca in which hundreds of people were killed. In a public statement, the king noted that following the burning of the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem in 1969 the Muslim world reacted like a single man" with officials meeting "to face the challenge put before them." He referred to the riots at Mecca on July 31 during the pilgrim season as "an even greater threat against the ensemble of our beliefs which form the base of our Muslim

Israel seeks to avert indictments ken brar in Pollard affair

TELAVIV (R) - Israel's former ambassador to the United States has flown to Washington amid concern that four Israelis could be indicted in the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal, an Israeli official said on Wednesday. The official, who briefed foreign journalists on condition that he was not identi-fied, said Meir Rosenne, who served as ambassador until last May, would meet State and Justice department officials. Newspaper and radio reports in Israel have said four Israelis could be indicted in the affair, which has already scarred relations between Israel and its closest ally, the United States.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is considering a request from Chad for Stinger anti-aircraft missiles that could be used to protect Chadian artistis against Libyan air strikes, offi-cials said Wednesday. The offi-cials said Chadian President Hissene Habre first raised the issue July: Chad is still pressing the request, and it is now being actively considered by the administration, the sources said. Chirac urges. Habre to pursue diplomacy, page 2.

Afghan talks extended

GENEVA (R) — Afghanistan offered a new timetable on Wednesday for the withdrawal of some 115,000 Soviet troops from its territory, diplomatic sources close to United Nations peace talks said. The move prompted U.N. mediator Diego Cordovez to extend peace talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan for another day. The three-day meeting was due to finish on Wednesday. A spokesman for Mr. Cordovez refused to comment on developments at the talks but confirmed the meeting was ex-

Chinese and Israeli officials meet

TEL AVIV (R) - The directorgeneral of Israel's foreign ministry, Avraham Tamir, has had talks with China's ambassador to the United Nations for the second time this year, a ministry spokesman said on Wednesday. 'They agreed to have an open channel of communication, and that is important for two countries that don't maintain diplomatic relations," spokesman Aviv Shir-On told reporters. The meeting between Mr. Tamir and ambassador Li Luye on Tuesday focused on efforts to convene an international Middle East peace conference. The two men also met in March.

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Iraqi jets slam Iranian targets in revenge for missiles fired at Kuwait

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq launched a series of coordinated air raids on Iranian power plants, factories and oil centres Wednesday in a "day of revenge" for missile strikes and other attacks on Kuwait.

More than a dozen targets were 'demolished" in the attacks that began Tuesday night with air strikes on tankers in the Gulf, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

Iran claimed three Iraqi jets were shot down. INA noted military communiques admitted one plane was lost in Wednesday's raids carried out between 9.04 (0504 GMT) and 2 p.m. (1000 GMT).

Baghdad military communiques said Iraq's air force, which outnumbers Iran's depleted air strength by around 8-1, flew 122 combat missions while belicopter gunships flew 43 more during the

day of revenge." The communiques, warned that Iraq would "continue its attacks against Iran until the Iranian regime accepts to live with the people of the region in peace and puts an end to the war" in accordance with a July 20 United Na- Kuwait."

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzh-

kov on Wednesday said the Iran-

Iraq war had been a "calamity"

for both nations and declared the

Kremlin would press for applica-

tion of a U.N.-mandated cease-

However, a Soviet Foreign

country wants to see if a U.N.

mission can make progress on ending the conflict before decid-

ing how the "rich armory" of further steps the United Nations

At the Kremlin, Mr. Ryzhkov

received a seven-member delega-

tion of officials from member

states of the Arah League who

are seeking to achieve a settle-

ment in the seven-year-old con-

The Arab League delegation,

beaded by Kuwaiti Foreign

Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad

Al Sabah, arrived on Tuesday

night for talks with Soviet offi-

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tions Security Council ceasefire resolution.

Tebran's war information headquarters vowed immediate retaliatory bomhardments "with full intensity" and warned Iraqis to evacuate areas near industrial and military targets.

The Iraqi agency later said the southern city of Basra and the northern border town of Khanaoin were shelled by long-range

A Baghdad military communique said the air raids on Iranian complexes, and an offshore oil terminal in the northwestern Gulf, were in revenge for Iranian missile attacks on Kuwait last

It linked the attacks with a pledge by President Saddam Hussein to "hit Iran with 1,000 bullets for each bullet it fires on The Iraqi raids were launched a day after Baghdad reported hitting two naval targets in an attack that ended a three-day lull in the

Shipping sources in Dubai said two Iranian tugboats were sunk by Iraqi warplanes in a raid on Tuesday near Iran's Kharg Island

The brief lull in the seven-yearold Gulf conflict had raised hopes for a successful mission by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who is expected in Tehran on Friday and will later visit Baghdad to seek a ceasefire.

A Gulf-based diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Iraq's attacks had "come in bursts, and they might allow the lull to be restored just before the U.N. secretary-general starts out from New York.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted acting Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati as saying Iran remained ready to talk to the U.N. chief without any limita-

We have not imposed any reconciliations for the talks and we bave not accepted any limita-

tions on any particular subject." IRNA quoted Mr. Besharati as telling the English language Tehran Times.

IRNA said the Iraqi air strikes killed at least five people and wounded 25 in Bakhtaran, formerly Kermanshah, one of six cities the Iranians said were hit. Iraq said 11 cities and two other industrial targets were bombed. But there was immedi-

ate no word from Tehran of

casualties in other towns. INA quoted military communiques as saying large numbers of warplanes hit power stations, factories, fuel depots and, communications centres in western and southwestern Iran along with oil platforms in the Gulf.

Iraq today avenged Iranian attacks on Kuwait in a series of powerful and destructive strikes

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China regrets missile attack on Kuwait; Japanese foreign minis-ter to visit Gulf; U.S. battleship lowa to head for Mideast, Belgium to decide on Gulf role next week, page 2 Perez de Cuellar seeks to revive

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2 killed and Ryzhkov meets Arab delegation, 20 injured in Tripoli

near the entrance of a department store in this north Lebanese town on Wednesday. Police said at least two people were killed

They said a yellow Dodge fitted with a Syrian license plate exploded at 12:20 p.m. (0920 GMT) near the entrance of the ABC department store in Tripoh's main Tal Square, a short police statement said.

armed with assault rifles, scaled off the hlast scene and prevented reporters from approaching.

parked nearby and set fire to three other vehicles in addition to shattering glass within a 100metre radius.

Ambulances, their sirens wailing, evacuated the casualties to hospitals as firefighters extinguished the hlaze in the three cars, the witnesses told AP.

The casualties brought to 57 the number of people killed and to 288 those injured in 16 car-bombings in Lebanon this year. Tripoli, 70 kilometres north of Beirut, is controlled by the 25,000-man Syrian army garrison in north and east Lebanon.

The explosion was the second in Tripoli since two bombs hil a husy intersection of the city on Aug. 29, killing two people and wounding 23.

UNIFIL soldier killed

In Lebanon (UNIFIL) said Wednesday.

The spokesman said the young soldier was based in Nagoura, and that the incident on Monday

have been killed and 220 wounded, many of them in accidents, since the 5,700-strong peacekeeping force was set up in South Lebanon in 1978.

U.S. deplores violence

people.
"We call on all parties to exer-

cise restraint and to work toward arrangements that could permit restoration of the effective authority of the Lebanese government throughout the country," spokesman Charles Redman said.



KING VISITS GHQ: His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, confers with Armed Forces Commander-in-

a visit he paid to the Armed Forces General Headquarters on Wednesday (Petra photo)

Khatib: Jordan is shocked by news of Arafat's offer of direct talks with Israel

If report is true, clarification will be needed over PLO leader's deviation from Arab stand

AMMAN (J.T.) - Information Minister Mohammad Al Khatih was quoted on Wednesday as expressing shock at reports that Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat bad offered to enter direct talks with Israel. 'We are astonished, shock-

ed if this is true," Mr. Khatib was quoted as saying by Reuter. "This means direct negotiations with Israel outside the (proposed) international conference," the minister said.
"If this is right, it is completely different from the Arab and Jordanian line. It is a shock for Arab public opinion and I think it needs some clarifica-

tion from the PLO leaders."
Israeli parliament member
Charlie Biton said in Geneva that Mr. Arafat had told him he was ready for direct negotiations with Israel ontside an international conference.

Jordan and most Arab states have endorsed the idea of a U.N.-sponsored peace conference on the Middle East grouping the five perma-nent Security Council mem-bers and all other parties concerned.

Jordan broke off politica coordination with the PLO leadership in February 1986 saying that Mr. Arafat had reneged on a pledge to accept U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 as the basis for a settlement.

Mr. Biton said in Geneva on Wednesday that Mr. Ara-



-fat earlier asked him to relay a secret message to the Israeli government outlining three conditions which would enable the Jewish state to enter direct peace talks with the

"Mr. Arafat told me the three points are a base to begin negotiations for peace

to begin open and free
negotiations," Mr. Biton said,
calling it a radical, new and extreme proposal.

Until now Mr. Arafat has demanded that negotiations be conducted in the context of a multinational peace conference, with the PLO as a full

delegate. As recently as Monday, in a Geneva speech to a United Nations gathering on Pales-tine, he called for such a conference on the hasis of

U.N. resolutions. That night he met Mr. Biton and two associates to relay the message to the Israeli government, Mr. Biton

A founder of an Israeli movement supporting negotiations with the PLO, Mr. Biton said he would deliver Mr. Arafat's message to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres - and would give them until Sunday to respond.

"If the government does not accept (Mr. Arafat's offer), I will tell the whole world that Israel is against peace, and I will reveal his conditions." Mr. Biton said.

A statement from Mr. Biton's Democratic Front for Peace and Equality said the Arafat-Biton meeting proved once more and very clearly that there is no basis to the claims that it is impossible to negotiate with the PLO and

achieve peace. An aide to Prime Minister Shamir said Israel's judiciary would have to discuss whether charges would be brought against the Israelis who met Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Arafat.

A spokesman for Mr. Shamir said he thought it unlikely the right-wing Israeli leader would accept any message from Mr. Arafat, although Mr. Shamir did not object to meeting Mr. Biton.

The spokesman said Mr. Shamir saw the Aralat message as a propaganda exercise by the PLO.

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Arab boys recount Israeli torture and forced confessions

They were addressing a news conference to launch a report entitled "Children in Israeli Military Prisons" by Canon Riah Abu researchers.

alleged mistreatment of minors from the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip. Israel consistently denies such reports.

military government has a definite policy of abuse against Palestinian children," Kameel Nasr, a former English teacher at Chicago's Depaul University,

Speaking through an interpre-ter, the three aged 15 to 16 from Dheisbeh refugee camp near Betblehem, said they were

Israeli soldiers at their houses at night, hooded or blindfolded and made to stand with their arms extended for hours.

gators came over and they were

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM completely drunk. It wouldn't matter (who you were) - you would start receiving blows all over your body without knowing

Adnan Shehadeh, 16, said he was forced to stand blindfolded for three days with his arms ex-tended. Wail Tawfik, 16, said he was beaten, including on his lesticles, while he stood with his arms outstretched.

The three boys said they were mistreated while detained at the army's Faraa detention centre near Nablus. They said they served three to eight months in prison for allegedly throwing stones at Israeli soldiers.

Some cases in the report involved children as young as 12. Military officials said Faraa was for "security prisoners" aged 14 and up, but some from aged 12 might be held because of such serious offences as firing weapons or hurling petrol bombs.

Arabs stage protest

Meanwhile, about 50 Israeli Arabs demonstrated Wednesday outside the education ministry to demand more classrooms and more teachers for the 230,000 Arab students in Israel.

The protesters accused the Israeli government of discriminating against the Arab sector by cutting funds from Arab schools while maintaining the same levels of funding for Jewish schools.

Peres abandons push for elections

"We tried but we did not succeed," Labour Party spokeswoman Michal Cohen lold Reuters. "An international peace conference cannot convene without elections."

not to work for new elections when parliament reconvenes this autumn, and would most likely wait until scheduled general elections in November 1988.

Mr. Peres would continue to discuss his plans for a peace conference in his talks with foreign leaders, including a meeting later this month with Soviet Foreign

Mr. Peres campaigned intensively to bring about an early vote after right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir blocked bis efforts to convene a peace conference. But the Labour leader

- Sukova advances in • OPEC to seek end to

form new Danish government

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Prime Minister Poul Schlueter resigned Wednesday after his centre-right coalition suffered an unexpected election setback. Queen Margrethe II then asked him to form

a new government. She designated Mr. Schlueter after consulting all parties, despite his loss of a working parliamentary majority in Tuesday's

Emerging from Amalienborg Palace, Mr. Schlueter said he was anthorised to reconstitute a cabinet based on the outgoing four-party conservative bloc. "I concluded that a majority in

parliament would not oppose a government of these four parties" he told reporters. Mr. Schlueter, a 58-year-old lawyer who has headed the gov-

ernment for five years, said he expected to announce a new cabinet Thursday morning after talks with his coalition partners. The queen's action did not

immediately resolve the coalition crisis of the deadlocked legislature, in which neither the conservatives nor the two-party socialist opposition could muster

permanent members of the U.N. enough outside support to easily Security Council, along with the govern. Mr. Schlueter said be will not bring other parties into the cabinet and will try to last as long as he can with a minority govern-

cials on implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 on ending the war. The Soviet news agency TASS

promises to seek Gulf ceasefire

said Mr. Ryzhkov-stressed the need to press ahead with implementing the resolution, which was adopted in July, and calls for an immediate ceasefire in the

It said be warned that the build-up of U.S. and NATO forces in the Gulf increased the risk of military confrontation. "Such actions distract the world community from concen-

trating its efforts on ending the Iran-Iraq war," TASS quoted Mr. Ryzhkov as saying. It said the delegation, which was also due to meet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, briefed Mr. Ryzhkov on the results of a recent emergency Arab

League meeting in Tunis called to

officials reviewed Soviet proposals for easing tension in the Gulf which include a call for the withdrawal of all foreign warships from the region.

Among the delegation members was Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, who was received by Mr. Ryzhkov one day after the viet head of government beld talks with the deputy foreign minister of Iran.

In comments reported by TASS, Mr. Ryzhkov said continuation of the Gulf fighting has had a "serious destabilising effect" on the situation in the region, and threatens internationpeace and security. He said the Security Council

measure, which was supported by the Soviet Union and the United States and adopted unanimously, opens "the real way to ending war and normalising the situation

in the region." U.S. officials have called for

main arms suppliers. support for their policies. Saadoun Hammadi, a leading Among the weapons Iran has received are anti-ship Silkworm

Military analysts say the Ira-nians also have purchased J-7 warplanes, the Chinese version of the Soviet MiG-21 fighter. But di, who also is the chairman of

> with other permanent members of the Security Council to bring it to an end.

Mr. Taher Al Masri. It was one of three Arab League delegations visiting capitals of the council's permanent members to seek the imposition of sanctions against Arab League foreign ministers meeting in Tunis last month warned Iran it bad until Sept. 20

countries. not believe that either China or the Soviet Union will support an arms embargo on the Gulf war combatanti

to comply with the U.N. resolu-

tion or face the possibility of a

mass break in relations by Arab

bomb blast TRIPOLI (Agencies) - A car rigged with explosives went off

Helmeted Syrian soldiers,

Witnesses quoted by AP said the blast wrecked three cars

A French U.N. soldier has died after shooting himself while cleaning his weapon, a spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force

just north of the Israeli border, was apparently an accident.
A total 145 UNIFIL soldiers

In another development, a U.S. spokesman, asked about the weekend Israeli air raid against Palestinian targets near Sidon in southern Lebanon, said: "We deplore the cycle of violence in Lebanon that has resulted in the death and injury of so many

(Agencies) — Three Palestinian boys from the occupied West Bank said on Wednesday that Israeli soldiers tortured them 10 force them to confess to crimes they did not commil.

Al Assal of Nazareth's Episcopalian Church and three American The study details 16 cases of

"We concluded that the Israeli

beaten on the soles of their feet and their genitals.

They said they were seized by

Riad Faraj, 15, said: "Sometimes at nights, five or six investi-

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - The Labour Party of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Wednesday that it was abandoning its efforts to bring about early elections over a proposed Middle East peace conference.

She said Lahour had decided

But Cohen emphasised that Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the United Nations.

failed to muster the 61 votes he needed to dissolve parliament. "We concluded that we cannot

get the 61 votes we need," Cohen

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strengthen international efforts to During the talks, it said, the (Continued on page 3) Iraqi and Iranian envoys head for China

NICOSIA (AP)—Senior Iranian and Iraqi officials headed for Peking Wednesday to discuss the Gulf war, while other officials from both countries were holding similar talks in Moscow seeking

member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council. left Baghdad for the Chinese capital Wednesday to discuss the conflict, bilateral relations and "international issues of mutual concern" with Chinese leaders, the Iraqi News Agency reported. The agency said Mr. Hamma-

Iraq's National Assembly. headed a bigh-powered delegation. It said he will stay in Peking for several days. Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said Acting Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati left Tehran for Peking

to discuss a United Nations re-

solution calling for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war IRNA said Mr. Besharati's talks will also focus on boosting relations between Tehran and Peking and "international issues.`

Before he left, the Iranian official met with Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who stressed the need to expand Iran's relations with China, the agency added China and the Soviet Union are

United States, Britain and The Security Council passed a resolution July 20 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

Mr. Hammadi was believed to be seeking Chinese support for a possible U.N. arms embargo on Iran. U.S. officials have said the Chinese are now one of Iran's

missiles which have been deployed near the Strait of Hormuz, the strategic gateway to the Gulf. China denies it provided the mis-

none have yet been spotted in China's Prime Minister Zhao Zyang told an Arab League delegation Saturday in Peking that his government was deeply concerned about the escalation in the Gulf war and would cooperate

The delegation was beaded by the Jordanian foreign minister,

However, Western analysts do

Chirac urges Habre to lay down arms in favour of diplomacy

PARIS (R) — France, struggling to avoid direct base of Maatan As Sarra had Command of Arab Libyan Forces conflict with Libya, has publicly urged Chadian President Hissene Habre to lay down arms in favour of diplomacy to resolve a rapidly-escalating border dispute.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac can be made," be said. said on Tuesday that Chad-based Mr. Chirac spoke so French forces who on Monday shot down a Libyan bomber over the capital N'Djamena, would help defend the former French colony's territory.

But he said in a television interview that a dispute over the Aouzou Strip — a barren desert area between Chad and Libya claimed by both countries should be negotiated or put to

international arbitration.
"I hope ... that conflict over the so-called Aouzou Strip can be ended by negotiation or interna-

Mr. Chirac spoke soon after Chad announced it had killed 1,713 Libyans and destroyed a total of 22 aircraft when it struck an airbase deep inside Libyan territory on Saturday.

The military communique, read on Chad radio, said 312 prisoners were taken after Saturday's attack on Maatan As Sarra, one of four Libyan air hases within striking distance of northern Chad.

It said Chad had destroyed 70 Soviet-made tanks, 30 infantry combat vehicles, and 22 multipletional arbitration and that peace rocket launchers. The Libyan ceased to exist, it said.

The casualty count is the highest reported by Chad since it launched a drive in January against Libyan forces then controlling much of the north of the

There has been no idenpendent confirmation of the Chadian fi-

Libya, however, disputed Chadian claims to have destroyed Maatan As Sarra, saying those taken by Chad were either Libyan nationals living in Chad or "soldiers belping the forces of the Chadian Transitional Unity Gov-

The official Libyan News Agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, on Tuesday quoted a communique from the General as saying they annihilated most of the attacking Chadian troops and destroyed their vehicles.

Mr. Chirac said both sides should try to promote peace. "Chad as well as Libya must make an effort in favour of its economy and of its people, which would be more useful than making war," he said.

France has 1,200 troops in Chad and supported Mr. Habre's campaign earlier this year to drive Libyan forces out of the central African country.

But Paris refused to back Mr. Habre when be captured the town of Aouzou, the administrative centre of the disputed strip, on Aug. 8. Libya, which had ruled Aouzon for 14 years, struck back and retook the town three

Schmidt

in Bekaa

mer West German hostage Alfred Schmidt was released in Lebanon's Syrian-policed Bekaa Valley and not in mainly Muslim south Beirut as was originally

U.S. officials said Tuesday they

Japanese foreign minister plans visit to Iraq

TOKYO (R) — Japan's foreign minister will probably visit Iraq this month for talks on protecting shipping in the Gulf, and Western diplomats said Japan was particu-larly well placed to mediate in the long war.

A Foreign Ministry official said preparations were going ahead for Foreign Minister Tadashi Kuranari to visit Baghdad on Sepi. 18 and 19, but added that cabinet approval for the visit was needed before it could be official-Iv announced.

Mr. Kuranari, who visited Iran in June on a similar mission, is also scheduled to meet Iranian President Hoiatoleslam Ali Khamenei during the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Asked about the purpose of the proposed meetings, the ministry

official said:
"We wond like to achieve peace. We are not a military player, so our diplomatic manoeuvres are concentrated on two efforts, direct contact with the Iran and Iraq authorities and efforts within the framework of

the United Nations. He said Mr. Kuranari would appeal to Iran to comply with the Security Council call for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year.

"Japan is more dependant than any other country on oil supplies from the Gulf," said one diplomat. "But because it is unable to protect Japanese shipping by direct means, it has to place greater emphasis on diplomatic

The diplomat said Japanese tankers had been relatively free from attacks in the Gulf, so last week's rocket attacks on a Japanese tanker and another under charter to a Japanese company come as a sbock to Tokyo. He'said Japan was following an

active policy on the Gulf war, and added: "Their (diplomatic) activity is a reflection of very real Japanese interests."

Japan imports more than 50 per cent of its crude oil through the Gulf and industry sources said a resumption of sailings was vital to the Japanese economy.

U.S. Gulf operations have cost \$70m

WASHINGTON (AP) — The navy's escort operations in the Gulf are costing \$15 million to \$20 million a month in extra, unbudgeted expenses, the Defence Department has said.

The estimate — the first official cost figure to be released by the government since the convoy operations began in July — was ontlined in a letter to congressional leaders by Deputy Defence Secretary William H. Taft IV.

The letter was released on the eve of Congress' return from a summer recess and appeared likely to sharpen debate about President Ronald Reagan's policy of extending military protection to reflagged Kuwaiti oil tankers. Mr. Taft said the Reagan admi-

supplemental budget request in fiscal 1988, which begins Oct. 1, to give the navy extra money for the Gulf operations. Defence Secretary Caspar

Weinberger, meanwhile, said in a television interview that the United States would continue to maintain its expanded force in the Gulf until the threat to internaMorning America programme, Mr. Weinberger likened the Gulf

troops to make sure there isn't a Soviet invasion for over 40 years and this (the Gulf operation) is a forward deployment of the navy," Mr. Weinberger said.

"I don't think it li go 40 years, but we've been in the Gulf 40 years. In Europe, the objective is to prevent and deter a Soviet invasion of Europe. In the Gulf. it is to get shipping through, and as that gets more difficult because nistration expects to submit a the threat increases, then we have to put more forces in."

> Until Tuesday, the Pentagon had steadfastly declined to estimate the cost of the Gulf operations, characterising the expense as realtively small and incremental because the ships involved normally would be deployed somewhere anyway.

tional shipping diminished.

Appearing on ABC's Good the normal operating costs for the ships involved, Mr. Talt acknowships ledged in his letter that "higher commitment to the deployment ship and aircraft operating temof American forces in Europe in po. increased logistics support support of the North Atlantic and the implementation of immi-Treaty Organisation (NATO).

"We've been in Europe with sonnel" serving in the Gulf were playing havoc with the navy's

By the end of September, the navy's extra, unbudgeted expenses "will approach \$70 million," Mr. Taft wrote.
"While it is not possible to

anticipate fiscal 1988 costs at this time, if the current level of activity is maintained, these would run \$15-20 million per month above the amounts provided for in our budget request."

More than two dozen navy ships are operating either inside the Gulf or in nearby waters. The force includes an aircraft carrier battle group and a battleship buttle group deployed in the northern Arabian Sea. plus 12 ships currently operating inside the

China regrets missile attack on Kuwait

PEKING (R) - China said on Wednesday that it regretted Kuwait had been attacked by missiles, but did not mention reports that at least one of the

missiles was Chinese. "China is opposed to the extension of the fran-fraq war to a third country and regrets that Kuwait, a non-belligerent coun-

try, was attacked by missiles," a Foreign Ministry spokesman told a weekly news briefing.

Kuwait said on Sunday that Iran fired three missiles at its territory over a four-day period. and diplomats in Kuwait said they believed at least one of them was a Chinese Silkworm with a 450 kilogramme warbead.

ment said one of the missiles hit the southern coast early last Friday, damaging bouses and indust-

rial facilities. China has denied selling the Silkworm to Iran which in turn says it manufactures its own antiship missiles modelled on captured weapons.

Officials would neither confirm

nor deny reports that Morocco

had offered to place troops at Saudi Arabia's disposal to belp

According to Arab diplomats,

Saudi Arabia requested the

troops following the violence in

Mecca on July 31 when over 400

pilgrims were killed after a de-

monstration staged by Iranians.

Saudi minister ends visit to Morocco

RABAT (R) - Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz left Morocco on Tuesday after an eight-day visit during which be had talks with King Hassan.

In a brief departure statement at Casablanca airport, be said they discussed the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq and bilateral cooperation, the Moroccan News Agency MAP reported.

WASHINGTON (R) - The bat-

tleship Iowa and five escort ves-sels will leave Atlantic ports on

Thursday for routine deployment with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the

Mediterranean, the Pentagon has

The Iowa, one of four such

World War II American giants

cussed military cooperation and plans to hold an urgent Islamic summit to discuss the July vio-lence in Mecca and the Gulf war. Prince Sultan came here from

Diplomats said they also dis-

neighbouring Algeria where he indicated that Saudi mediation efforts were continuing between Algeria and Morocco wbo have been divided for over eleven years by the conflict in the West-

from Norfolk, Virginia, with the

cruiser Ticonderoga and the fleet

oiler Canistoo, the Defence De-

The destroyers Dewey and

Deyo will leave Charleston.

South Carolina and the frigate

Paul will sail from Mayport, Flor-

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partment announced.

Battleship Iowa to leave for Mediterranean

Riyadh police.

The Iowa group is expected to remain in the Mediterranean for about six months and will be commanded by Rear Admiral Grant Sharp, commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Group Two based in Charleston, navy offi-

reportedly released

BEIRUT (AP) — A daily newspaper said Wednesday that forreported.

An Nahar, quoting unnamed security sources in Beirut, said Schmidt was released in the Bekaa Valley Monday after seven months in captivity and then driven to Damascus, the Syrian capital, for his flight bome.

are confident that West Germany will carry out its promise to try Mohammad Ali Hamadei for the 1985 hijacking of a Trans-World Jetliner and the slaying of U.S. serviceman passenger aboard.

White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater also told reporters the United States accepts Bonn's assurances that no deals on Hamadei were made in exchange for the release by his captors of West German hostage Alfred Schmidt, who was freed in Beirut

Belgium to decide on Gulf role next week

BRUSSELS (R) - Belgium wili decide early next week whether to send minesweepers to the Gulf to belp U.S., British, French, Dutch and Italian naval forces protect shipping there, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on

He said the issue would be discussed at the weekly cabinet form part of a European task meeting on Friday, but added force, rather than operating inde-

Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans would not be present.

Mr. Tindemans is not due to until late Friday.

The spokesman said details on whether Belgian ships would

that no final decision was likely as pendently, would be addressed next Monday and Tuesday.

Defence Ministry sources have said it was likely that Belgian return from a visit to Pakistan ships would join those from Italy and The Netherlands.

Belgium, which specialises in minesweeping as part of its NATO rule, has six ships available for service in the Guif.

Lebanon relief plan stalled by Waite's absence

NEW YORK (R) - An ambi- sent," he said. tious private project to channel funds into the reconstruction of war-shattered South Lebanon has been stalled by the continued absence of church envoy Terry Waite who vanished last January, a leading Anglican bumanitarian official said on Wednesday. Canon Samir Habiby told Reu-

ters that Mr. Waite, kidnapped in Beirut while seeking the release of hostages, was a driving force behind the foundation. It aimed to revitalise the region's economy and rebuild educational and medical facilities devastated by years of intercommunal strife and Israeli occupation.

"Terry was one of the principal initiators and a driving force behind this concept and we have discovered that without him we-

"The project is at a virtual standstill without Terry. We cannot complete formation of the board without him and be plays a vital role in fund-raising and man-

Habiby said the organisers were hoping for the quick return of Waite, an envoy of the Arcbbisbop of Canterbury, wbose absence was a major "We have completed work on

gement of the foundation."

the framework of a multinational, multi-ethnic development fund that will be run by a board covering a broad spectrum of prominent bumanitarian and economic development leaders," Habiby

In particular, he said there was a need for a 200-bed hospital, cannot move any further at pre- schools and revitalisation of agri- donations in the West.

culture, notably vegetable and citrus products for which the region was famous. "The present poverty of the

region and the despair it is causing relates to the root cause of tensions in the Middle East. Habiby said. "If we can help to improve the community, that will restore stability to the area something which is in the interest of its neighbours.

He said the project was econo-

mically viable and the foundation had already been promised grants of land for construction projects. The area had electricity, water, fertile soil and an abundant labour force. Habiby estimated the cost of

the project at \$10 to \$15 million in the first year, saying this would be raised through charitable

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A programme on the West Bank
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Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 636147/8

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man. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. quities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Ifill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

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WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

FILMS

Soviet film week, at the Jerusalem Melia Hotel, 6-00 - 8:00 p.m. (until 14/9-85).

FEATURE FILM

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. at the American

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Masseum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaies from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. 5 p.m.

Listeners' Choice

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Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah. Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-

6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128. Marlyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9,00 a.m.-4,00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Annuon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534.

CHURCHES

St. Jeseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590, Church of the Assumciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440

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De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic).
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Amunication (Greek p.m. 1ct: 022300 Church of the Ammunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali. Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 625383. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich. Tel. 771331.

677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir). Tel. 811295.

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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashralich, Tel. 771751.

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Queen states interest in assisting projects

Queen Noor has great interest in the projects of the Salt Development Corporation (SDC) and hopes to promote cooperation between Noor Al Hussein Found-ation (NHF) and SDC in cultural and educational fields, NHF director Mrs. In am Al Mufti said -Wednesday.

She said that NHF is interested in participating in the SDC's project for the restoration of traditional buildings in Salt, the development of traditional hand-

icrafts, a projected school for distinguished children, and tourist and cultural activities, as well

She was speaking during a visit to Salt, where she met with SDC officials to discuss bilateral coop-

Mrs. Mufti also visited a number of old huildings of traditional and Islamic architectural styles and a centre for developing tradi-tional crafts, established with help from the Italian govern-

Arab Housing Day committee begins plans

formed national committee charged with organising activities and celebrations for the Arab Housing Day will meet Thursday under the chairmanship of Mr. Shafiq Zawaideh, the committee chairman and director general of

the Housing Corporation.

The committee, which met Tuesday, issued a statement in which it said the members discussed developing an informational volve various sectors in the King-dom. The plan would focus light on the need to handle all housing issues hy considering the humao element, as well as financial matters, and land, according to a committee statement following

It said that the committee will execute a plan which entails enlisting the help of the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation to present a feature on the development of the housing sec-

of a resolution by the Arah hous-ing ministers calling for the pro-duction of a feature on housing in the Arah World. The programme will be beamed to the Arab World through the Arab Satellite on Oct. 5, the Arah Housing

Day.
This plan, the statement said, also entails a competition for designing low-cost housing, and will involve students from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Jordan, in addition to seminars on housing in Jordan. On Oct. 15, the celebration

day, a number of housing projects will be opened in the Kingdom, the statement said. The committee includes repre-

sentatives from the Armed Forces, the Urban Development Department, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Housing Bank, the Jordanian Engineers Associa-tion, and the University of

NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour minister to preside over meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan, who is also chairman of the board of directors of the National Aid Fund (NAF), will preside over the board's meeting on Thursday when its members discuss organisational steps for collecting contributions. During the upcoming session, the board will also discuss the NAF's financial situatioo and expenditures. The board will also follow up on the decisions taken at a previous meeting to undertake a study on poverty pockets throughout the Kingdom.

Hydraulic power unit now in operation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Anthority (JEA) has put in operation a second hydraulie power unit at the King Talal Dam, and it is generating 2,000 kilowatts at present. A JEA spokesman said that the first unit with similar capacity was put in operation last month. The power produced, and the water stored the dam, are being used for development projects in the Jordan Valley region.

Forest renamed in appreciation gesture

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture has decided to rename Al Rummaneh forest in Tafileh district Goethe forest. It said in a statement that the new name is an expression of the ministry's appreciation of West Germany's assistance to Jordan's afforestation programme.

Former prime minister visits China

AMMAN (Petra) - Former prime minister and member of the Upper House of Partiament, Bahjat Talhouni is currently on a visit to China, at the invitation of the Chinese Friendship Society. During the visit; which is expected to last 11 days, Mr. Talhouni will meet with Chinese officials and tour archaeological sites.



Jordan to report at labour seminar

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a seminar on management of employment offices and labour organised by the Interna-tional Labour Organisation (ILO) in Tunis on Sept. 12.

Ahmad Shawabeh, assistant director of employment at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, said that he will attend the meeting and submit a

working paper on the employ-ment situation in Jordan.

The paper, he said, contains detailed information on the country's policy in relation to human resources development, stimulating employment, and worker

The report will also cover Jordanian laws and regulations

governing employment, as well as Jordan's views with regard to the TLO's agreements and recommendations, Mr. Shawaheh

He added that the 28 participants in the seminar, from different Arab countries, will also exchange views on employment problems and methods for organising employment offices.

Forum Humanum plans to transform King Abdullah's home into museum

MAAN (J.T.) - The Jordanian chapter of Forum Humanum is making arrangements for transforming a home of the late King Abdullah, founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, into a

An announcement here

Wednesday said that a team from Forum Humanum, together with former minister and archaeologist Raef Nijem, visited the late King's home in the southern city of Maan, in order to study the prospect of the transformation. The projected museum is expected to display documents, photographs, weapons, and traditional clothes and furniture,

Conservatory

music courses

The NMC, a project inaugurated in 1986, was visited by Her

Majesty Queen Noor on Aug. 30. She watched a class of the brass

and woodwind instructor-training

a missile that damaged some

buildings in the emirate, also

referred to a recent Iranian attack

on the Kuwaiti container ship Jahal Ali. Kuwait had refrained

from reporting several other Ira-nian attacks, it added.

The United States on Wednes-

day crincised Iraqi attacks on

Iran and appealed to both sides in

the Gulf war to stop fighting and

allow the United Nations to im-

Charles Redman told reporters

the visit to Tehran and Baghdad

by Mr. Perez de Cuellar should

not helpful when we believe that

both sides should be focussing on

U.N. efforts to hring a compre-

hensive end to the war," he said.

"We urge both sides to support

This Iraqi action is certainly

State Department spokesman

plement its ceasefire order.

be the centre of attention.

offers new-

which belonged to the King. King Abdullah arrived in Jordan in 1920 to form the nucleus of the armed forces for the Kingdom. His troops were then armed with rifles, and machine guns of Brit-ish, German, and Turkish manu-

The King, who was only Prince then, set up the official military force in Transjordan in 1921. With this force, Prince Abdullah began the long and difficult struggle to huild the country and strengthen its armed forces despite the conspiracies and chal-lenges posed by the colonial

According to the announce-ment on Wednesday, the Forum Humanum had laid the hasis for transforming the King's old home into a historical museum after conducting maintenance and res-

Mr. Nijem said that the home holds great historical significance for the Kingdom of Jordan.

During his visit to the old home, Mr. Nijem inspected the rooms and studied the prospect of refurbishing it to display the va-rious historical items. He said that a detailed study will he made soon, hefore any restoratioo work can begin.

Jordanian writers group meets to discuss bylaws

AMMAN (J.T.) - The National Music Conservatory (NMC) has announced that it is offering inday to discuss and endorse hylaws and internal regulations prepared struction to students in violin, hy the federation's hoard of viola, cello, clarinet, flute, sax-

ophooe, trumpet, and trambone. JWF President Hani Al Amad The announcement, made said that the hylaws had been through the Noor Al Hussein discussed in detail at a series of Foundation which established the meetings by the board in hope that they would help promote the conservatory, said that students can register for courses on Thurswork of writers and stimulate day, Sept. 10, Saturday, Sept. 12, and Sunday, Sept. 13, hetween 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. cultural and literary activity io the

Kingdom. While preparing the laws, the board members considered new and different factors because they wanted the revised statute to address the developments of the changing world, and, in particu-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Writers Federatioo (JWF) dan and in the Arab World at

He said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the board has introduced a prop-osal for JWF hranches, which entails the establishment of five hranches around the country, which will be given wide powers.

The new laws include regulations and procedures for accept-ing new JWF members and the election of the association's president and board members, Dr. Amad added.

Last June, the government decided to dissolve the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA), and in July it was decided that a Jordanian Writers Federation would be established in its place.

the audience he's addressing."

sion of Resolutions 242 and 338 with the 1947 U.N. resolution to partition Palestine. Jewish leaders approved the partition plan at the time but Israel has since rejected the formula.

Beilin said his main objec-

tions to Mr. Arafat's remarks were the PLO leader's inclu-

Prince Nayef meets with **Armed Forces chief**

AMMAN (Petra) — Saudi Arabia's minister of interior, Prince Navef Ibn Abdul Aziz, conferred on Wednesday with Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Forces General Headquarters was attended by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani, Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Ahu Taleh, Saudi Arabia's Amhassador to Jordan Mohammad Al Fahd Al Issa, and Jor-. dan's Amhassador to Saudi Arahia Mohammad Rasoul Al

Also on Wednesday, Prince Nayef visited the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with its director, Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Maiali and senior officers. Accompanied by Mr. Dajani, the Saudi minister toured the

department's various sections and called at Al Muhajireen Security Centre, where he was hriefed on the centre's services.

L1.-Gen. Majali, in an address welcoming Prince Nayef, paid trihute in the strong relations be-

tween Jordan and Saudi Arahia, which, he said, are being fostered under the leadership of Their Majesties King Hussein and King Fahd Ihn Abdul Azız of Saudi Arabia. The director outlined the

troduced in his department. Referring to the Iranian-organised riots in the holy city of Mecca during this year's pilgrimage. Lt. Gen. Majali said the perpetrators had violated the sanctity of the holy shrines and caused the death of innocent

PSD's efforts to promote the

work of security centres in the

Kingdom, as well as modernisa-

tion measures currently being in-

Later on Wednesday Prince Nayef paid a visit to the Police Training School in Zarqa. where he watched a sports and military exercise festival, which included

performances by women students. Badia and border police students, policemen from the public security brigade, and the private police forces.

Prince Navef was accompanied hy Mr. Dajani and Lt.-Gen. Ma-

The Saudi minister then visited the equestrian field, where he watched performances including. jumping, stabbing by sword and spear, and fire games. The performances were also viewed by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Majali, and a number of Cahinet members, senate de-puties, and senior military and civil officials.

At the end of the tour of the questrian school L1. Gen. Majuli presented Prince Nayef with an original Arabian horse.

Prince Navef visited the Civil Defence Department, in the com-pany of Mr. Dajani Tuesday evening. They met with the department's director, Lt.-Gen. Khaled Tarawneb, and senior aides who briefed them on civil defence operations in the country.



Prince Nayef Iho Abdul Aziz meets with Armed Forces Commander in Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker at the Armed Forces General Headquarters on Wednesday

JD 1.5m allotted for hospital

Health Zaid Hamzeh said Wednesday that his ministry is revising designs for a hospital to be built at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) near Irbid and has allocated JD 1.5 million for the pro-

Dr. Hamzeh, speaking during a tour of the Irbid Governorate, said that the new hospital, which Hospital, will have 643 heds and will include an outpatient depart-

ment, an emergency section, laboratories, and other facilities. The hospital, though owned and operated by the Ministry of Health, will offer training to JUST medical students, Dr. Hamzeh noted.

ceremonies, Dr. Hamzeh said ting from these that the centres will offer services medical treatment.

as part of a ministry plan to provide primary health care to all regions in the Kingdom.

The plan calls for the establishment of 75 such health centres, which will provide general health care, maternity and paediatric During the tour, the minister visited the villages of Hartha, Care, laboratory services, and de-Qamim and Beit Yaffa, and laid treatment, Dr. Hamzeh the foundation stones for the construction of primary health has already distributed 546,000 medical cards to citizens h ting from these centres' free

University president receives Soviets

AMMAN (J.T.) — University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali Wednesday received a visiting delegation from the Uni-versity of Tashkent, Soviet Union, headed by Nicolai Serguei, Tashkent University vice presi-

Dr. Majali briefed the delegation members on the university's establishment and development. and the programmes it offers to its students. In addition he explained the university's educational policy, which is hased on interaction and full participation of students.

The two university presidents are expected to sign an executive programme of cooperation between their respective institutions on Monday. Under the plan, the universities will exchange visits and educational and cultural expertise, a Soviet emhassy official told the Jordan Times on Wednesday.

In a telephone interview, a the educational situation in the senior embassy official said that occupied Arab territories. The In a telephone interview, a the executive programme is delegation members will he aimed at enhancing the general briefed by Mr. Dudin on the aimed at enhancing the general Israeli measures against Palestiframework of cooperation henian students and the closure of tween the two universities. He added that the delegation

universities.
They will also meet with the will meet on Saturday with Minister of Occupied Territories secretary general of the Ministry Affairs Marwan Dudin to discuss of Higher Education.



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Iraqi jets slam Iranian targets in 'day of revenge'

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deep in Iran," INA said. · Kuwait, repeatedly accused by Tehran of siding with Iraq in the seven-year-old war, has been hit by three unexpected missiles in the last eight days. Kuwaiti officials confirmed

only one, but appealed for U.N. action and said five Iranian diplomats were being expelled because of Tehran's "aggression." Kuwait, accusing Iran of firing a Chinese-made Silkworm missile

at its southern coast Friday, said

it was ignoring other Iranian mis-deeds to avoid complicating Mr. Perez de Cuellar's peace quest. Iraq has pledged to defend Kuwait against Iranian attacks. The missiles were apparently

fired from Iranian-occupied territory in Iraq's southern Fao Penin-Kuwait has expelled five Irarian diplomats, but denied an iranian statement that a sixth was

being deported. It said Mohammad Bageri, Tehran's charge d'affaires, was one of the five. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz was quoted in a press interview as saying Baghdad is willing to have the international court in

the Hague, the Dutch capital, decide who started the war in September, 1980. Diplomatic sources said that appeared to suggest a move towards a compromise with Iran, which has demanded that Iraq be condemned as the "aggressor"

before any peace talks can begio. Iran claimed on Wednesday a letter to the United Nations from Kuwait's foreign minister accusing Iran of firing a missile at

Kuwaiti territory and other hos- to complaining that Iran had fired file acts contained baseless allega-

"The fahrications contained in that letter are only examples of the attempt by Iraq and its allies to justify and further intensify the illegitimate military presence of foreign hegemonic powers in the Persian Gulf." Iranian U.N. Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Zarif said.

In a note to Mr. Perez de Cuellar, he said Iran categorically rejected the "baseless allegations contained in the letter of the foreign minister of Kuwait addressed to Your Excellency

dated 4 Sept. 1987."
Mr. Zarif said Iran had always maintained that the "interference of third parties in the imposed war would only further escalate the situation and has, therefore, taken every measure to prevent the internationalisation of the imposed war."

The Kuwaiti letter, in addition

the U.N. body's decision.

Until then, Mr. Petrovsky said,

"the Soviet Union is acting in

such a way to create the best

possible conditions for implementation of Resolution 598."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar is to

this week.

But Soviet, Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told a news conference the Soviets hope U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar can make progress towards a settlement when he travels to Tehran later

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minis-

ending the fighting, Mr. Petrovs-

the war on the basis of Resolution

Gulf war front would trigger international stability.

Khatib: Jordan is shocked

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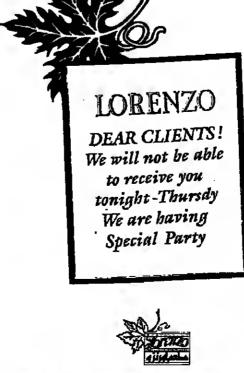
spokesman added. Peres aides said the Labour leader would also refuse to accept the Arafat message and had no intention of dealing

with the PLO.
The Israeli Hadashot daily said Wednesday it was a "con-crete proposal" for peace talks.

But Shamir spokesman Zachi Haneghi rejected the message outright. "There is no chance the prime minister will accept any such message which is just a public relations ploy from a terrorist organisation seeking to legitimise itself," said Hanegbi in an interview with

Israel Radio. Yossi Beilin, political director of Mr. Peres' office, also discounted Mr. Arafat's message and told the radio: "He

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that mission and exercise restraint," Redman said. says whatever sounds good to Moscow promises to press for ceasefire in Gulf (Continued from page 1) provide the Security Council with Security Council resolution the drafting of sanctions against Iran if it refuses to go along with an evaluation of the positions of

both sides, he said. "Then on the basis of that counsel he shall be able to judge what could be done," Mr. Petrovsky said. "We can look at the rich arsenal of instruments contained in the U.N. charter to be used for settling conflicts and preventing an escalation."

ter Mohammad Larijani arrived Moscow Monday and met Tuesday with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and Mr. Ryzhkov. Both officials stressed in meeting with Mr. Larijani that the

should be used as a hasis for

Mr. Petrovsky said Moscow's contacts with the Arab League delegation and with Mr. Larijani aimed to stress the need to end

The weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta, in a report on the Gulf situation by commentator Igor Belyayev, said officials in Washingtoo believed the return home of Iranian troops from the

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Is there a lesser evil?

NO MATTER how one looks at it, it is difficult to judge which is the greater evil: Israel producing its own Lavi fighter or Israel acquiring sopbisticated American-made warplanes to add to its already swelling arsenal.

Washington has applanded the Israeli decision to scrap the Lavi project and has offered sweeteners to the Jewish state in the form of 75 F-16 fighter planes and possible co-production of fighter aircraft. But Israel's dismissal of the Lavi project is in no way a consolation to the Arabs; if anything, it will result in the replenishment of the Israeli arsenal and still leave the Israelis a great deal of money to use for other forms of military huild-up, which Washington sees as essential for the Jewish state to maintain its "qualitative edge" over the Arabs. What the compensation will mean to the Israelis was described by one Israeli defence official recently. "Instead of shooting down the Syrian airforce with Lavis, we'll shoot them down with F-16s and have some money to spare for the army and navy," he

As Arabs, we fail to see how this compensation will further the search for peace in the region. If the Americans are truly concerned with the peace process, they would think twice before honouring the offers put forth by Israeli Finance Minister Hoshe Nissim for alternative U.S. aid to Israel, in replacement for Lavi funding. Hopefully the American officials will remember, when they confer with Nissim this week, that had the Lavi project been completed, it would have been less than half Israeli financed. The U.S. had paid most of the \$1.5 billion used for the seven-year project. This amount was over and beyond the \$3.8 billion Israel receives annually in U.S. aid. And, even though the Lavi was rated by the Israeli army itself as a lesser defence priority, the Israeli aircraft industry found the fighter bomber, which could carry Israeli nuclear warbeads, important enough to commit Israeli and American resources to this "great national project." Similar U.S. government contracts to Israeli arms manufacturers have raised complaints from U.S. counterparts over the years, as have the Israelis' exemption from American trade restrictions and import duties. However, no change has occurred.

Could it be because U.S. companies, such as American Electronics Laboratories, Aeronantics Corporation of America, Gerber Scientific, Control Data Corporation, Motorola, General Telephone and Electronics, Rockefeller Brothers and Associates, and Rand Information Systems have invested heavily in Israeli arms firms?

The Wall Street Journal reported six years ago that, "Israelis complain that, in criticising Israeli hawkish military policies, the U.S. overlooks the fact the Israel has served as some kind of 'control lab' for U.S. weapons development."

Those who oppose such policies, which give Israel more arms and money to perpetrate destruction and misery against Arabs in the occupied territories and in Lebanon, should raise their voices, along with Arab leaders, in objection. Perhaps, then, the world will understand that the U.S. must wash its hands clean of its share in Israeli crimes against Arabs before it comes preaching about peace and justice in the region.

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Al Ra'i: A new stage in education

THE conclusion of the national conference on education marks the beginning of a new stage in the country's educational system which will witness reform and development of educational programmes at all levels. The success or failure of the conference and the efforts put into it can only be determined through the practical application of its different resolutions and recommendations. The conference regarded King Hussein's speech at the opening ceremony as a basic document, providing guidelines for the experts, the educators and the education officials in planning out the future of the young generations. The principles contained in the speech which tackled the past, the present and the future, and also the resolutions passed by the conferees, underline the importance of a new serious action for the future. We believe that in the resolutions and the recommendations there are good principles paving the way for a successful start; and so they should never be out of our thinking in the process of introducing reform. The resolutions and the King's speech linked school with university education and society with the homeland as a whole. This concept will no doubt help to infuse a new, sound educational system that can help the new generations to interact with the requirements and the needs of the modern age. These principles can help us work faithfully and with great courage to build and also defend our nation and our identity. The resolutions of the national conference entail drastic change that should be done to our educational system to offer better knowledge and a better life for the coming generations.

Al Dustour: Committee continues mission

THE seven member Arab committee touring Arab and foreign countries is striving to bring about a general consensus among world nations on the need to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war. The committee which has been entrusted with its mission by the Arah League, is seeking an implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 that can bring peace to the Gulf region. The overwhelming support accorded to the resolution by world nations bas no doubt deprived Iran of the chance to manoeuvre and to exploit differences that normally exist between the superpowers. It also placed the Tehran rulers face to face with the world community which insists on an end to the conflict - as the first step on the path towards peace. The committee members' visit to Peking and Moscow assumes an added importance in view of the current escalation of war activity in the Gulf region and the diplomatic efforts being exerted elsewhere for ending the war. The committee's efforts are needed to hring more pressure to bear on the Iranian rulers who desperately strive to prolong the conflict which serves their own interests. We believe that the efforts of the seven member committee should be accorded favourable response and backing from all countries of the world, because these efforts reflect the Arah Nation's genuine desire to reach peace. We hope that these efforts will win more and more support and achieve more success in the international arena so that more pressure would be exerted on Iran to accept peace.

Reagan M.E. peace initiative lost in Gulf crisis

By Saul Friedman

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Five years ago, in the wake of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, President Reagan interrupted his annual California vacation to propose a peace plan for the Middle East. And in his nationally televised speech, he

issued an appeal and a warning. "It's time for us all, in the Middle East and around the world, to call a hait to conflict, hatred and prejudice," the presi-dent said. "If we miss this chance to make a fresh start, we may look back on this moment from some later vintage point and realise how much that failure cost us

But there has been no peace. And since the president's warning, more than 300 Americans. including 241 servicemen in Beirut and 37 crewmen aboard the Stark in the Gulf, have been among the thousands who have died in the maeistrom of the Middle East.

The United States has also suffered from terrorism, with the seemingly endless captivity of Americans as hostages in Leba-non and the embarrassment of the secret arms sales to Iran. And now, more than 40 American naval vessels and 25,000 service personnel have been sent to help keep the peace in the Gulf.

1ronically, the latest crisis in the Gulf has obscured the anniversary of Reagan's Middle East peace plan. And even as White House officials who have accompanied the president here on this year's vacation have de-

fended the growing American military commitment in the Gulf, administration and outside experts on the Middle East say the crisis there has stolen attention from the larger issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the paralysed peace process.

Administration officials also acknowledge privately that Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, while preoccupied with the Gulf, have been reluctant to take a more active role in Middle East peace initia-

Recently, as the Soviet Union has increased its interest and its presence in the Middle East. State Department officials suggested that Sbultz pay the region a visit, sources said, in an effort to revive the peace process. But Shultz rejected the suggestions, an official said, because he is more interested in other issues and saw little hope for progress.

The Gulf has hecome so dominant, the Arab-Israeli problem and the peace process have slipped to the bottom of the administration's agenda," said William Quandt, a former National Security Council expert on the Middle East who is now a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution, a centrist Washington think-tank. "And the president is more interested in Central America and getting an arms control agreement.

An administration official who asked to remain anonymous acknowledged that Sbultz has de-clined to become more active in

"very disappointed" by the failure of the initiative five years ago. "After investing his personal prestige, he threw up his hands and takes the view that the opposing sides are simply not close enough to get anything going that will lead somewhere,

the official said. But Robert Hunter, a former National Security Council staff member and now a senior researther on the Middle East for the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said, "there is never any good time to make peace in the Middle East, but we

pay for not trying."
He added, "the Middle East peace initiative never went anywhere because the president and Shultz did not follow it up in the way Jimmy Carter personally became involved in getting an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

"Reagan's plan was a good one in many respects, but it needed the active engagement of the president," Hunter said. "Now, just as we were drawn into the fighting in Lebanon after the president's speech because we didn't follow up our policy, we are being drawn further into the dangers in the Gulf, without

knowing where it will end." The president's 1982 Middle East speech came as the last of 1.000 American Marines left Lebanon after successfully protecting the evacuation of the forces of Palestine Liberation Organisation, which had been besieged by the invading Israelis.

protect the PLO forces as a way of maintaining American credibility among Arab states in the region while balancing the interests of Arabs and Israelis.

In his proposal, Reagan called for steps leading to a Palestinian homeland in association with Jordan and he declared his opposition to further Israeli settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan

The conservative Israeli government of Menachem Begin rejected the proposal. And on Sept. 9, when Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel was assassinated, a shaky peace agreement in his country was shattered. Beirut exploded with renewed violence, Palestinian refugees were mas-sacred by Christian forces while their Israeli allies stood by, and Reagan made the fateful decision of calling the Marines back to Lebanon for an indefinite period to belp maintain peace.

Even had chaos not returned to Lebanon, there was little chance the peace initiative would have succeeded, the administration official said. As he explained: "Although more moderate leaders in Israel were pleased with the proposal, the Begin government took the momentum away with endless negotiations in Lebanon and objections to the proposal. The agreement in Lebanon became a worthless piece of paper and the Israelis were happy that there was no movement on the peace proposal."

Hunter said: "To achieve

the Middle East because he was The United States had agreed to movement, yon've got to get "year disappointed" by the fair protect the PLO forces as a way down in the dirt with Israel and get a bit tough (with Israel). But the administration has been unable to do that." And Hunter noted that although Carter had sponsored the Egypt-Israel agree-ment, he suffered politically by alienating many American Jewish

> The administration official conceded that trying to promote peace in the Middle East "is very touchy politically. You have to make sure the Israeli government is on board before you can do anything, and today the Israeli goverument is so splintered, little can be done."

> The peace plan was also attacked by Arab countries, such as Syria and Libya, and, according to Quandt, the administration "had not thought out a follow-up strategy for working with Egypt and Jordan." And the United States left the president's initia-tive hanging "until it could get the mess in Lebanon straightened

out," he added.

The Lebanon mess only got worse, and when 241 servicemen died in the bombing of their barracks in October 1983, it hastened the American withdrawal from Lebanon and from what was left of Reagan's attempts at

Reagan said repeatedly that the United States had taken an active role in Lebanon to challenge the Soviet Union and Syria. But Yahya Sadowsky, a Brookings expert on Arab and Islamic

politics, said one result of the long American withdrawal from the Arab-Israeli issue, has been an increased influence of the

Soviets and Syria. Nevertheless, said Quande, af. ter the carnage suffered by the Marines, "Shultz because embit-tered and his whole attitude changed. From that time on, the president's initiative remained

only on the books." A senior official argued, "the president's statement is still out there and represents the basis for peace. It's a set of principles, a starting point." And he added that the United States has been nudging the Middle East toward an international peace conference. But Israel rejects that idea, the Soviets have claimed the right to attend and the United States has so far rejected Soviet particination while refusing to press Israel to accept such a confer-

"Once again we're not following up," said Quandt, because of the preoccupation with the Gulf and other issues. The administration official added, "the Israelis are unable to move, and the Arabs are equally split over such issues as the Iran-Iraq war."
But while the official saw hope

that the American presence in the Gulf could win friends among Arah states, Hunter said, "the Gulf war simply will add the problem of fundamentalism to the festering Arab-Israeli conflict. And we might again be caught in the middle" - Los Angeles Times.

Perez de Cuellar hoping to revive U.N.'s peace-making role

By Anthony Goodman

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's forthcoming trip to Iran and Iraq, his second in just over two years, is the latest in a string of Gulf peace moves marked so

far by a singular lack of success. Since the war erupted seven years ago, the Security Council has adopted eight resolutions, as well as a spate of less formal statements, calling for a balt to

This time, bowever, the mildmannered Peruvian diplomat bas the backing of a ceasefire resolution adopted last July 20 that holds out the threat of possible

sanctions if ignored. This was one of the council's

rare resolutions invoking the U.N. charter's mandatory provi-

While Iraq said it would comp-ly if Iran did, Tehran has issued a series of statements criticising the draft but never actually rejecting The main purpose of the trip hy

the 67-year-old secretary general, who had a quadruple heart bypass operation last year, is to try to obtain Iran's acceptance of the resolution, which also calls for a withdrawal of forces to the internationally recognised boundaries and an exchange of prisoners of war,

Failure of the U.N. chief's mission is certain to spur redoubled efforts by the United States to impose an arms embargo on Iran. Washington, which originally

set a weekend deadline for Iran's two sides in June 1984 to refrain compliance, has said it was now awaiting the results of the secretary general's mission.

But even if he fails, many U.N. diplomats believe a sizeable proportion of the council's 15 members, including some of the big powers, would remain reluctant to vote for such a drastic step as sanctions.

They have a variety of reasons for not wishing to offend Tehran - whether as oil-purchasers, arms-sellers, because of Iran's strategic importance, or because some of their nationals are being held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian groups.

Earlier in the Gulf war, Peres de Cuellar had some success in trying to mitigate its effects, obtaining an undertaking by the

from attacking purely civilian

Small U.N. teams were posted in both Tehran and Baghdad to investigate alleged violations. But the shaky accord soon collapsed as the war reached new heights of fury, with U.N. experts confirming the use of chemical weapons by Iraq, both sides pounding towns and cities, and an

escalation of the "tanker war" at

After spending little more than one day each in Tehran and Baghdad in April 1985, Perez de Cuellar reported optimistically that while the "positions of the two sides remain wide apart, there exists a real basis for pursuing efforts to bring closer the

By November 1986, after further contacts with Iranian and Iraqi officials but without again visiting the area, he concluded that their positions "show no degree of coincidence which would prove a basis for the presentation of specific proposals designed to give effect to" the council's most recent ceasefire call.

Success on his forthcoming peace mission would put a much needed feather in the cap of both the United Nations and Perez de Cuellar, now one year into his second five-year term.

Although the world body bas many peace-making irons in the fire, success bas eluded its most recent efforts.

Perez de Cuellar's early

the end unsuccessful, bid to defuse the 1982 crisis between Argentina and Britain over the Falkland islands (Malvinas).

After coming close to a resolution of the Cyprus problem two years ago, the secretary general has seen his attempts to reunite the island's Greek and Turkish communities grind to a standstill.

In addition to the peremial problems of Namibia (South West Africa) and the Arab-Israeli conflict, the United Nations remains deeply involved in efforts to obtain the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the repatriation of millions of Afghan refugees. Those talks, which resume in Geneva months as U.N. chief were next week, have been dragging marked by a widely-hailed, but in bog since 1982.

Israeli study: Arab armies stronger

The following report is reprinted from the Israeli newspaper, The Jerusalem Post.

By Joshua Brilliant

TEL AVIV — The cabinet was wise to scrap the Lavi in favour of alternate weapon systems because the Arab armies have become bigger and faster than ever before while the Israeli army has reached the limits of its ability to grow. Aluf Aharon Yariv, head of the Tel Aviv University's Jaffe Centre for Strategic Studies, said

on Monday. Speaking at a press conference here to mark the release of the centre's Middle East Military Balance report, Yariv said the Arab armies are higger, faster, better equipped, more: strongly forti-fied and in possession of greater fire power than in the past. Under these conditions, it would be difficult for Israel to quickly decide the outcome of a war by advancing into enemy territory.

On the other hand there have been some positive developments for Israel. The Arabs are short of money and skilled manpower, partly because of the drop in oil prices. The Iran-Iraq war has divided the Arab World, leaving no anti-Israel coalition at present, and there is peace - albeit cold

- with Egypt.
Therefore, Yariv argued, Israel should take advantage of the situation to advance the peace process. Israel is now in a position of strength and no one is threatening it hut Israel's strategic position cannot improve, he said. "It can only

His gloomy prediction was based in part on the centre's 462-page report, published in cooperation with The Jerusalem

The centre's figures show that the number of tanks in Egypt, Jordan and Syria grew from 4,500 in 1973 to 7,300 last year. In Israel the number rose from 2,000 to some 4,000.

Egypt, Jordan and Syria had 750 combat planes in 1973 compared with Israel's 300. Israel now has some 630 planes — but its three neighbours have 1,400. The balance sheet would have appeared much worse if 1raq would have ended the war with Iran and turned its attention

The Arah armies are also qualitatively better. They have ac-

weapons like F-15s, F-16s, MiG-29s and Tornado fighters. Jordan has Chieftain tanks, Egypt has the American M-60A3 and Syria has some 1,000 T-72s. These countries also have missiles enabling them to hit major Israeli

In spite of efforts to recruit hetter-educated soldiers, the Arabs suffer from a shortage of proper technical personnel.

But on the whole the qualita-tive gap is narrowing, said Yariv, a former chief of military intelligence. He warned that if this process continued the Arabs might try to settle the dispute by military means.

and is advancing towards de-velopment of chemical warheads for its own missiles.

Moreover, the taboo on the use Arah states either possess, or can acquire, chemical weaponry.

The Arah chemical warfare

"While chemical weaponry casualties," the report added.

ments, the report said that Israel and Pakistan were ahead of the other countries in the area. though Yariv told foreign correspondents that to the best of his knowledge, "Israel does not have nnclear weapons."

Whatever the truth is, fear of

Israel's nuclear capability has not

deterred the enemy, Levran said, partly because the major Arab countries can retaliate with a che-

Mike Luckovich The New Orleans Times-Picayune

Part of the centre's study concerns the unconventional balance of power. No information is available about the Arabs' hiological warfare capabilities, the authors said. But Tat-Aluf Aharon Levran, who compiled much of the study, noted that Egypt has had chemical weapons for years, Syria has transferred material to Iran

of gas was broken by Iraq in the Gulf war, the report said. The report said the principal

threat against Israel is a fact, it can only grow in the future," the report said. "It constitutes one form of Arab reply and counterdeterrent to Israel's nuclear advantage and to other advanced weapons systems Israel may pos-

does not offer a means of deciding a conflict, it could provide considerable localised results. particularly insofar as its first use generates a surprise effect and could produce a heavy toll in

Turning to nuclear develop-

According to a recent Los Angeles Times poll, most U.S.

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Pope's visit to U.S. stirs discord at every stop

By Matt Spetalnick

Reuter

MIAM1 — When Pope John Paul visited the United States in 1979 he won American admirers, Catholic and non-Catholic, with his warmth and outgoing style. But eight years later some say the honeymonn is over and in his nine-city U.S. tour from September 10 to 19, the Pope seems likely to encounter protest and

discord at every stop.
Feminists, AIDS activists, homosexnal rights advocates, Jewisb organisations, pro-abortion groups and disgruntled Roman Catholics are just some of the groups planning to air publicly their grievances.

John Paul is only the second

pontiff to visit the United States Paul VI came to New York in 1965. Americans now appear more

critical of his performance and sceptical of his orthodox stands on abortion, birth control, artificial insemination and the role of

Catholics disagree with Vatican teachings on major issues. "The honeymoon is over," said Jean Clark, chief spokeswoman for

the National Organisation for Women (NOW). "A lot of Americans have real problems with this Pope."
Church officials played down the planned demonstrations,

saying that adoring crowds would

far outnumber protesters. But

privately some acknowledged

concern that controversy would overshadow the Pope's message. "A few small-minded people are making problems," said Reverend Noel Bennett, a top organiser in Miami, the first stop on the tour. "They will be drowned out by the voices of millions of

others welcoming the holy

father."

At many stops, the Pope is likely to face pro-abortion groups, who in turn will encounter counter-demonstrations by Catholic lay groups and antiabortion forces, some of whom have vowed to form human barricades to block entrances to abortion clinics and create what they call "abortion-free zones" in

expected to picket to show ont-rage against John Paul's meeting last June with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who is alleged to have hidden his wartime past.

Some Jewish leaders said they would not decide whether to attend a scheduled meeting with John Paul in Miami until after the Pope's unprecedented dialogue with Jewish representatives in Italy this week.

AIDS is also emerging as a hot issue of the upcoming tour. Gay rights advocates, upset over the Pope's recent anti-bomosexual declaration and what they see as indifference to AIDS victims,

plan protests in several cities. When the Pope visits San Fransisco, he will see one of the cities most deeply affected by the AIDS crisis. The city's large and politically active Gay community has one of the highest incidences

of the deadly disease. The Pope will conduct a mass at San Francisco's Mission Dolores Basilica, where 100 seats have been set aside for AIDS patients, friends and family.

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In Miami, Jewish groups are is planning a rally near the Viz-

caya Mansion, where the Pope is to meet President Reagan. In Washington, an alliance of feminists, bomosexual groups and nuns disillusioned with the church's refusal to ordain women priests has organised a series of rallies in front of the Vatican

Similar local coalitions are planning demonstrations when the Pope stops in New Orleans, Detroit and Los Angeles.

The Pope's planned stopover in Columbia, South Carolina — part of the fundamentalist "Bible belt" where anti-Catholic sentiment historically flourished - has also struck a note of discord.

In an apparent snub, Reverend Adrian Rogers, president of the 14.6 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, brusquely declined the Pope's invitation to attend a worship service with other Christian leaders.

"I do not intend to meet with him for reasons that are best not expressed in the public media," he told reporters.

Why King Oedipus was wrong

of the baffling questions of kinship have focused on a variety of relationships from tadpoles to tragic heroes. Pamela Wells writes in the Guardian on how a myth has become an enigma

LONDON - KIN selection theory explains why it would pay, in genetic terms, to behave favourably towards relatives. A suicide altruistic gene — one which made people more likely to jump into a river to save others from drowning - would spread through the population if more than two sihiings, or more than four grandchildren, or more than eight first cousins, were saved as a result. Enough copies of that gene would be preserved to compensate for the death of the altruist.

It is obviously much easier to behave altruistically towards your relatives if you have some means of estimating the chances that they really are relatives. Humans are quite good at performing visual, auditory and olfactory discrimination tasks from a very

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Infants can distinguish their own mother from other women by voice alone at 24 hours of age, the smell of their mother's breast pad within six days of age, and a photograph of their mother when they are four to seven weeks oid. Mothers can distinguish by smell between the clothes of their own infants and those of unfamiliar infants within a few days after birth, and can also smell the difference between otherwise identitical clothes worn by two of their own children. Other researchers have shown that mothers can recognise the cry of their own infant within 48 hours of birth. We certainly don't lack the capacity to recognise kin.
On the whole, we "know" who

our relatives are; we know because we have grown up with them, or because other people have told us about them. This fact has had two unfortun-

ate, and paradoxically almost contradictory, effects. It has led some people to beheve that kin recognition can't occur in species other than humans (because other species do not possess the concept of kinship); and it has led other people to believe that kin recognition doesn't occur in hnmans (because the concept of kinship renders it redundant).

But we now know that other species can recognise their rela-: tives - or, at least, behave as if they could Tadpoles can tell the difference between siblings, half- :viduals; they seem to prefer to spend time associating with their sihlings. Sweat bees behave as though they could distinguish between 14 different degrees of relatedness, and are much more likely to let closely related bees into the hive. Monkeys, rats, trirds, even sponges and bacteria, are all capable of modifying their behaviour in some way on the basis of their relatedness to other members of their species. You don't even need a brain in order to recognise your relatives; many plants "recognise" self versus more or less unrelated pollens in the absence not only of a hrain but a nervous system as well.

Now for the second point: that

we don't perform kin recognition in the way that animals do because we have the concept of kinship

Why is the concept of kinship in humans a problem? The main difficulty is that, in many cultures, there is only partial overlap between kinship terminology and actual biological relatedness. Even in our own society, the term 'aunt" is often used to refer to people who are not really aunts. Biological relatives are those with whom we share genes by descent; parents and offspring, brothers and sisters, cousins, grandparents and grandchildren, and so on. But husbands and wives are not biological relatives (except in unusual circumstances such as cousin marriages), and neither are stepparents and stepchildren.

There are some cultures in which the same kinship term is used to refer to people of different degrees of biological relatedness. Among the Ye kwana Indians of Venezuela, the word "brother" covers four different categories. These range from individuals (sharing 50 per cent of their genes, as do true brothers and sisters) to individuals (sharing only 12.5 per cent of their genes, as do first cousins, or great-grandparents and great-grandchildren).

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Which is the better predictor of human behaviour - kinship terminology or biological relatedness? Anthropological studies of the Ye'kwana leave us in littledoubt. The Ye'kawana spend more time interacting with their biological relatives the closer the degree of relatedness, even though their kinship terminology

does not correspond with this. How else do we behave when we know (or think we know) who our relatives are? Along with other species, we can behave altruistically to kin in general, and we can invest time and effort in raising children. But humans can store resources for the future,



Oedipus and the Sphinx - his own mother wouldn't know him?

and dispense them even after

In a recent American study the contents of 1,000 probated wills were analysed in order to find out whether more resources were, in fact, bequeathed to biological re-They were. Cousins received

very little in comparison with offsprings. So you don't stand much chance of being left a lot of money by a distant relative. But there is quite a substantial difference between offspring and siblings: in reproductive terms offsprings are a much better bet than siblings. Their reproductive success is much more likely to be aided by material resources than siblings, who are probably of comparable age to the will-maker. So by the time he dies they are nnlikely to produce more

offspring themselves.

Spouses are clearly a special case. My guess would be that, in childless marriages, less would be given to the spouse and more to siblings and other relatives than would be the case for marriages where children are present.

However, if we leave husbands and wives out of the analysis, we find that kin receive about 55 per cent of the total amount bequeathed, whereas non-kin re-

ceive only about 7 per cent. Kin recognition in humans is especially problematical because we all know who our relatives are. But there are some circumstances in which we cannot be altogether certain. These circumstances occur in societies where divorce and separation are frequent, and when children are of donhtful parentage because of promiscuity. A woman can always be certain that her offsprings are her own. A male, on the other hand, can never be completely certain. As the saying goes, it is a wise child who knows his own father — and a wise father who knows his own child.

This uncertainty about who one's relatives are is reflected in some rather subtle aspects of human behaviour. For instance, Dr. Robin Russell and I have recently carried out an experi-ment in which we asked people to rate their feelings of clohers of the family. We made the assumption that,

other things being equal, subjective feelings of closeness to a member of one's family are a function of expected relatedness. So we would expect that because

people are less certain who their father is than who their mother is, they would feel closer to family members to whom they are related through the female line for example closer to their mother's father than to their father's father. We did find a little evidence for

this, although it was complicated by the fact that many people's grandparents are no longer alive. But when we put all the various ratings together and calculated an overall estimate of paternity certainty based on these subjective feelings, we were rather surprised to find that it came out at 87 per cent. In other words, there might be something like a one in eight chance that your "father" isn't really your father. The estimate is comparable with one obtained in a study of the Yanomamo Indians using blood typings (or perhaps fortunatelyl) we do not have an estimate of this kind for an English sample.

modified to some extent by paternity certainty.

North American grandparents per cent more time with daugh-ters' children than with sons' children. This was true even when allowance was made for potentially complicating factors such as how far apart the families were hving. Once again, this may be explained in part by the fact that grandparents are more likely to be related to daughters' children than to sous' children. It has also been found that, when a grandchild dies, maternal grand-mothers grieve most, and paternal grandfathers grieve least.

When paternity certainty is relatively low according to studies in 1974 and 1979 a male may direct material resources to his sister's offspring (with whom re-latedness is certain) rather than to his wife's offspring (who may have been fathered by somebody

Even in supposedly monoga-mous societies, fathers seem to need some reassurance of their

born child and her relatives spend some time commenting on real or presumed resemblances between the baby and the putative father, as though the father has to be convinced that the child is in fact his. There may be good reasons for mothers attempting to per-suade the father that the child is his, because when parent and child are not biologically related

the child suffers an increased risk of ahuse. American researchers have discovered that a disproportionate number of battered habies are victims of assaults by step-parents, rather than by biological parents. In fact, young children of pre-school age were 40 times more likely to be assaulted if they were step-children than if they

were biological children. It appears that we spend more time with relatives, we give them material resources, we help them in times of danger, we feel close to them, and we weight these feelings in accordance with the probability that we are actually related to them. But the necessary converse of favouring relatives is that we should behave less favourably to non-relatives. By this, I don't just mean that we spend a bit less time with them. We kill them.

It is generally assumed that when people commit murder, it is their nearest and dearest that suffer. That is not the whole story. American researchers in 1982 found that unrelated people living together were far more likely to kill each other than were related people living together. Many of the homicides in the "unrelated" category involved spouses; but even with husbands and wives taken out of the analysis, non-relatives were at a significantly higher risk of becoming homicide victims than were rela-

In this country, hiological kin make up only a small percentage of homicides (15.5 per cent). Un-related individuals — that is, strangers, acquaintances and spouses - appear to be at much greater risk.

Acquaintances obviously form the highest proportion of victims. But it is perhaps more interesting to consider categories of victims who are probably living in the same household: namely, offspring, parent, sihling and spouse. Of these, it is the unrelated individuals who are most at

The evidence so far suggests If works the other way round, that not only do we behave more too. That is, people's behavious altrustically to relatives, but we towards their descendents is also are far more likely to behave aggressively to non-relatives. We don't know whether this behaviour now has any consequences for repro would certainly not wish to argue that there is anything adaptive about killing non-relatives or abusing stepchildren. These findings tell us only that our behaviour differs depending on whether we are dealing with biological relatives or non-rela-

So how did Oedipus get it wrong? According to the myth, he failed to recognise his father, and killed him. He then failed to recognise his mother, and married her (producing four children incestuously). Having discovered his error, he put out his eyes (perhaps assuming that kin recogmition was based on visual cues), and was eventually removed from earth by the Eumenides. These were mythical figures who were supposed to punish certain crimes including "disrespect to relatives." Perhaps they can be regarded as representing the forces

70 years after first book, Nobel writer remains critical

for fun. It is the height of idiocy. prizewinner.

The 85-year-old novelist sits in a leather armchair in a small study in his spacious country villa, surrounded by books, several dozen of which were written by

In conversation he shows he has lost none of the critical edge that has been his trademark in 70 years as an author.

Though he claims not to be politically minded, much of Laxness' life has been a search for inst such a force.

The son of a farmer, he was drawn to Catholicism - he twice spent several months in a monastery in Luxembourg — and later turned to Socialism for answers.

He wrote an eyewitness account of the Soviet purge trials of the late 1930s, only to declare decades later that he had "not got the point" of the notorious show trial of Nikolai Bukharin, a leading Soviet theoretician who had fallen out with Josef Stalin and was executed in 1938.

Laxness said that in certain trials were an aberration and not wanting to contribute to the downfall of "another nation's pet

things superficially," he told Reuters recently.

One asked oneself if it were possible to organise such a perfect system of government, which

During the early 1930s, his supposed sympathies with Com-

for three years. He said an Icelander had reported him as "a Bolshevik and a very dangerous person." Two police officers came to question

Laxness told his friend and fellow novelist Upton Sinclair ab-ont the incident.

collected a team of judges, without any request by me, and I never heard any more about it," Laxness said, reaching for a hnge

Another American writer Laxness hefriended was Ernest Hemingway, although the two never actually met. "He would call me often when

he had nothing better to do. He would find my phone number no matter where in the world I was. I've never quite understood it."

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Hemingway's books into Icelan-dic. His version of "A Farewell to

and Danish

Arms" is considered a master-

Apart from using his native

language, Laxness has written for

publication in English, German

"It is easier for me to write in

some foreign tongues than in

Icelandic, because it is such a

beastly language," he maintains.

books were written at an agoni-

singly slow pace. He usually re-wrote a book five or six times

The great depression in Amer-

ica left a deep scar in Laxness' memory. He has a look of

anguish when he talks about it.

Angeles and the streets were full

of people standing outside the

women with their children - all

crying. Old women didn't have

enough money to huy food. Many

had lost everything."

Laxness wrote his first book at

16. The Nobel Prize for Litera-

ture came nearly four decades

Despite the many years he

spent away from his home coun-

try, his novels are mostly based in

Iceland. His characters are often

outcasts who survive through the

His wit and devastating satiric-

al hiasts at living conditions of farmers and manual labourers

earned him praise from literary critics abroad, though sometimes

less friendly treatment from the

conservative establishment at

Most people, however, liked

"You have taught us to see Socrates in Icelandic peasants..."

President Vigdis Finnbogadottin

told Laxness during his 85th

hirthday celebration earlier this

"You have played a rich part in

teaching us to appreciate the wealth of our history and lan-

critical of post-war Iceland and

United States influence here.

usually collections of older arti

point when you have nothing more to say," Laxness said.

"After writing so much, you

may want to go out and enjoy the

cles. He no longer writes.

strength of their spirit.

what they read.

guage," she added.

"It was ghastly to look at

"I went out one morning in Los

before publication.

banks," he said.

later, in 1955.

He said his carefully planned

By Thorir Gudmundsson

REYKJAVIK — "The world is full of fools shooting each other proclaims Halldor Laxness, Iceland's only Nobel literature

Expounding on the theme of violent people in the world, he adds: "There doesn't seem to be any force around that might wake these people up and tell them to go home and work.'

Western historians do not doubt that the charges against Bukharin and other old Bolsheviks were fraudulent and their confessions obtained under

points he had written against his better judgement, hoping that the

"I only had a chance to look at

fect system or government, exercised for system or government, which is best-known dods in sage style, and "The Amm Station," a hovel highly

munism got him into trouble in the United States, where he lived

"Sinclair got so mad that he

Laxness translated two of

Panda Habibs

The non-smiling species

I THINK I would be able to pick out a Jordanian in a huge crowd of mixed nationalities without difficulty. How? Simply by the expression on his or her face.

Look at us: driving, walking in the streets, sitting in cases and restaurants. Very few of us smiles or attempt to; the majority of us are serious

When I drive every morning to my office, I look around and all I see are gloomy faces behind the wheels. At the red light, people look right or left hut without a hint of a smile for their fellow drivers. If you, by way of courtesy, stop your car to give way to a pedestrian crossing the street, or to another car, don't expect a smile for a reward because you won't get one.

I once asked a Jordanian friend why it is that people are rarely

heard laughing around here where, despite all our problems, we live in a blessed, secure country. My friend told me that, in the old days (and until now), "people used to worry when they had a merry evening. At the end of a good laugh, they would say: 'God knows how many tears we will have to pay as a price for this laughter'." So, it seems, laughter is associated with a fear of bad luck the following day. How this came about, nobody knows. A way out of this state of mind, in my opinion, is to reeducate ourselves to believe that langhter is the best medicine for the body and mind. Laughter is also a ticket for success and for a good life. I believe it is much nicer for all of us to see smiling faces, than gloomy ones. So let's all smile, laugh, and enjoy life.

Author sees signs of hope for Africa

By Joan Mower The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The future for Africa, a continent that ing erosion, also has been a sucevokes images of starving people. need not be as bleak as it seems, says an author who has studied 20 successful development projects.

We have come across spreading signs of hope, areas of advance in a line of general retreat, victories pulled out of defeat, wrote Paul Harrison in "The Greening of Africa," a study commissioned by the Londonbased International Institute for

Environment and Development. David Reynolds, director of the institute's North American operations, said one purpose of the book was to present a 'not inaccurate but slightly more hopeful" picture of Africa's fu-ture at a time when news coverage of the continent tends to

focus on famine and disease. There are substantial examples of success," he said.

Harrison, whose book was the topie of a recent discussion hy U.S. development specialists, studied 20 successful projects in Zimbahwe, Kenya, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Ethiopia in 1985 and 1986.

With the proper approach to development, better farm prices and lower exchange rates, Harrison believes that Africa's prospects could be transformed in the next several years.

One project cited by Harrison gins of up to 100 per cent.

— Invulnerability to unprec Books hy Laxness are still bestsellers here but these days are tion technique in Burkina Faso, a country where land has been hurt by poor rainfall coupled with "When you've written 50 or 60 books in your lifetime, and many of them very thick, there comes a population pressures.

To conserve water, the villa-gers were taught to huild a line of stones that hold back rainwater, making it pool uphill so the soil can be infiltrated.

Another successful project is under way in Niger, and arid country affected by wind erosion.

To combat the problem, trees from Asia were planted to serve as a break.

Tree-planting, an aid to curbcess in many parts of Kenya, where it has been promoted by voluntary organisations such as the National Council of Women of Kenya, which set up its "green belt movement" a decade ago.

Kenya is also the home of another successful project that has helped reduce the amount of firewood needed by villages. Deforestation, prompted hy a need for firewood, has led to an increase in soil erosion.

In Kenya, entrepreneurs have developed ceramic-lined stove that increases efficiency over a metal stove and can hurn fuel such as maize cobs, stalks and other refuse. The stoves proved popular before any advertising campaign, Harrison said.

Although the hook talks about government policies that tend to worsen the problems of drought, food shortages and poor soil conditions, it does not deal with civil strife, which is one of the major reasons for famine in countries like Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia.

'The implicit assumption is that you need some sort of political stability to achieve long-term development," Reynolds said.

The success stories by Harrison had the following characteristics: Low costs with profit mar-

- Invulnerability to unpredictable climatic changes. - Ability to function without imported goods.

- Responsibility for the programmes handled by local communities rather than government officials.

The projects range in their scope, but characteristically they involved improving or preserving the land to allow for an increase in food production.





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Sukova edges Kohde-Kilsch, moves into U.S. Open semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixth-seeded Helena Sukova beat No. 9 Claudia Kohde-Kilsch in a U.S. Open quarterfinal delayed 4½ hours by rain.

Sukova who lost to Martina ditions I've played under," Navratilova in last year's final, Kohde-Kilsch said. "Coming on downed Kohde-Kilsch 6-1, 6-3 Tuesday before a small crowd at

the National Tennis Centre. Rain delayed the start of the match 54 minutes. Sukova won the first set and was trailing 1-2 in the second when another downpour struck, causing a 4:11 delay.

Play resumed at 4:46 p.m. (2146 GMT), hut had to be stopped four minutes later when rain fell again with Kohde-Kilsch leading 3-2. After an 18-minute recess, Sukova quickly closed nut the match by winning the final four games.

"Those were the toughest con-

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia (R)

- China's weightlifters - forti-

fied hy a twice daily does of

traditional Chinese potion — are

emerging as a major world force

in a sport once monopolised by

China headed the team stand-

ings at the world championships

here after two days of competi-

tion, confirming the growing threat they pose to Soviet and

Bulgarian lifters who once almost

had a stranglehold on the sport.

According to chief coach Huang Qianghui, the key to Chi-

na's success lies in a mixture of

modern coaching and tradition.

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*Chinese lifters do not use

FRIDAY

China's weightlifters steal

limelight again in Ostrava

and off the court, waiting four hours, the noise from the planes. And she was acing me al the time.

Sukova, who had five aces, said neither player benfitted from the rain delays. "It was bad for both of us." the

22-year-old Czech said. "You never knew what was going to happen next. The players said they watched

television, played cards, ate and read in the locker room during

"You have to keep the ten-sion," said Kohde-Kilsch, a 23-

use artificial means to enhance

our performance," he told Reu-

Chinese potion made of fresh

ginseng, royal jelly money and

antler. They take it twice a day,

in the morning and in the even-

ing. The rest is modern coaching

devised in the Beijing Physical

Education Institute where most

of our top lifters are students,"

Chinese lifters were a force to

be reckoned with in the 1950s

hefore sinking into obscurity. But since the 1984 Los Angeles Olym-

pics, the nation of one hillion

people has re-emerged stronger

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than ever in weightlifting.

"Our boys use a traditional

can't fall asleep. Suknva was scheduled to play the winner of Tuesday night's Navratilova-Gahriela Sahatini

match in the semifinals. Asked whom she would rather play, Sukova replied, "Martina is No. 2 in the world and Gahriela is Nn. 8, so it's always better to play

the lower-ranked player." The starting times for all matches were delayed hy the rain. Tournament officials said they would try to hold as many matches as possible even if some lasted beyond midnight.

The Navratilova-Sahatini match, the only other women's quarterfinal scheduled Tuesday, was rained out.

Four fourth-round men's matches also were cancelled due to rain - No. 2 Stefan Edberg vs.

Wilander vs. Ken Flach; No. 5 Miloslav Mecir vs. Mark Woodforde; and Andrei Chesnokov vs. Remesh Krishnan.

On Monday, No. 4 seeds Boris Becker and Hana Mandlikova were beaten.

American Brad Gilbert rallied from a two-set deficit to beat Becker, while Kohde-Kilsch defeated Mandlikova in a match that featured a game penalty against the loser for slamming her racket against a scoreboard.

Gilbert, the No. 13 seed, was inspired by a flag-waving crowd that included his parents, his hrother and many of his friends. He will face four-time open winner Jimmy Connors in the quarter-finals.

Lewis, Johnson run different heats

hut the two sprinters were in different runs at the Rieti track and field meet Tuesday.

Johnson refused to race with Lewis, saying he was too tired and did not want a tough competition. Lewis said he was dis-

appointed. He ran a strong 100 metres, beating Ray Stewart of Jamaica, who was second at 10.27. Johnson coasted to victory clearly slowing down, towards the end, edging Harvey Glance of the Un-

ited States with 10.41. The meet featured many stars of the world championships, which ended in Rome on Sunday, hut most of them appeared tired and

not at their best. The only exception was Bulga-rian high-jumper Steska Kostido-

RIETI, Italy (AP) — Carl Lewis nova, who made a try at the outpaced world champion Ben world record of 2.10 metres, one Johnson 10.05 to 10.35 seconds, centimetre higher than the meaworld record of 2.10 metres, one centimetre higher than the mea-sure she cleared at the world championship. She just missed at her second try, but clearly showed that she was ready for higher measures.

> Rieti at 2.06, beating Tamara Bikova of the Soviet Union, who cleared two metres. Said Aouita of Morocco won a good men's 1,500 metres in

She won the competition at

3:32.71 minutes, three seconds off his own world record. He beat Peter Elliott of Bri-

tain, second at 3:33.23 and New Zealand veteran John Waler at

The real disappointment of the meet, however, was pole vaulter Sergei Buhka of the Soviet Un-

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Those magnificent men in their rallying machines

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Hani Bisharat and co-driver Ziad Hamzeh Wednesday held a press conference in which they told their success story in the 1000 Lakes Rally, which was held in Finland in August. Bisharat and Hamzeh came

33rd overall position among 160 participants out of which only 69 cars survived to the finish position line. They also came 6th in Group N and received the award for second best foreign driver

from the special groups.

This success has made Bisharat and Hamzeh the first Middle Eastern team to finish in this rally and with such excellent results.

The story started when Bishar-

at received an invitation from the organising committee for the 1000 Lakes Rally. He thought ahout the possibility of participating in the rally but he was reluctant at first due to the inadequate funding to cover the expenses of his participation.

"People who heard about the invitation gave us hope and promised to support the team. I immediately talked to Ziad about co-driving with me, we wanted our performance to be of the level`that would make Jordan proud of us," Bisharat told repor-

The team then approached different institutions and friends who might be willing to sponsor their participation.

"We received support and encouragement from many sides including the Royal Jordanian, Pirelli, Ata Ali and some individuals who just wanted to support a Jordanian team competing abroad, Bisharat said adding that some friends started even a fund raising campaign to cover the expenses of the trip.

The team managed to collect the necessary funds and travelled to Finland 17 days before the beginning of the race to practise in the routes ahead of time. "This was the first time we participate in Europe and we did not have

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any experience with their roads as their climate and roads differ from those in Jordan," said

The team allocated 10-14 hours a day to driving on these roads for 10 consecutive days with one thought in their minds, "hard work pays off, we wanted to give a good performance since we were carrying a double responsibility, one was towards ourselves. but more importantly, we wanted to carry the name of Jordan with pride," Hamzeh said.

The team carried leaflets of Jordan which were supplied by the ministry of tourism in Jordan and according to Hamzeh, "we were handing leaflets to people who stopped us. They were excited about us coming from the Middle East to take part in the rally," Hamzeh said.

According to a press release published by the Royal Jorda-nian, one of the sponsors, "most of the spectators who watched the rally were very impressed by the Jordanian team, this was the first time they saw such an impressive performance by a Middle Eastern team with limited support." They kept exclaiming, who are you? where did you come from?" Bisharat said. Hamzeh believes that "if the participation of Jordan in interoational rallies continues, the name of Jordan will then be known everywhere."

In reply to a question about any future plans to participate in further international rallies, the team noted that the expenses for joining international railies were high and, in the absence of an organised fund for such events, except for certain institutions, it was difficult to predict any future participation.

The team, Bisharat says, spent JD 5.500 for rental and maintenance of three cars, and JD 3,000 for miscellaneous expenses such as accommodation and transportation. Travel tickets were provided by the Royal Jordanian.

The team extended apprecia-

tions to those who sponsored the team and especially Near East Equipment Company, the agents for Pirelli tyres in Jordan, for providing the team with all the needed tyres in the rally. In conclusion, Bisharat summed up their feeling about their participation in the 1000 Lakes Rally by saying, "it was the best experi-ence for Ziad and I, we also gave a good image of Jordan and that is the most important thing.".

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8- Nimir El Hmoud

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9- Adil Mohammad

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2- Sultan F.A. El Faiez 3- Sultan F.A. El Faiez

5- Saad El Din Rida Saad

9- Nawwaf Anwar El Shalan 10- Kamal Wasif Bsharat

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Mansour Anwar El Shalan

4- Ibrahlm Hraish

6- Mishal El Falez

3- Mamdouh El Hadeed

8- Saad El Din Flida Saad

10- Mohammad A. El Naby

11- Younis Salim El Fokara

4- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable 5- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable

SECOND RACE 4.30

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Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weigl
1- Abdullah Hsain Marzouk	Ibtisam	Owner		54.5
2- Mamdouh Mohammad Khalil	J. El Bnayat	Owner	Youse!	54.5
3- Shakir Farhan	A. Naiel	Owner	Mahmoud	54.5
4- A. El Kareem A. El Aziz	I. El Maha	Owner	Amjad	54.5
5- Aly Mahmoud Maddad	Jazy	Owner	George	53
6- Hassan Aly El Daham	Fadwa	Owner	Ahmad	51.5
7- Taiel Eied A. Jnaib	M. Laith	Owner	Sullman	50
8- Sait Ghazy A. Jabir	M. Saif	Owner	Kasim	50
9- Sakir Fahad Lawansih	Ghannam	Омпег	Fawaz	50
10- Mishal Mitteb El Falez	A. Mishal	Owner	A. Jagheef	50
11- El Daweesh El Bakheet	Shalhoub	Owner	Mwafak	50
12- Ata Mazin El Abbady	Rihanih	Owner	Rasheed	48.5
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2- Mohammad Omar Hassan	Mansour	Owner	Ahmad	60
3- Mashhour F.A. Jnaib	N. El Salt	Owner	Sullmen	60
4- Mohammad Khalii	S. Hazim	Owner	Yousef	60
5- Mohammad A. El. Jalil	El Saieb	Owner	A. Jabir	60
6- Mohammad A El Naby	Makadeer	Owner	George	57
7- Dr. A. El Hafeez A. Wandy	Z. Masen	Owner	Mahmoud	57
8- A. Jabir Badir Harran	Imad	Owner	Eleci	57

FIFTH RACE 6.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES **DISTANCE 2000 METRES**

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Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	We
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3- Nimir El Hmoud 4- Nimir El Hmoud 5- Nimir El Hmoud	Atlas Ram Aghadeer	Mahmoud Mahmoud Mahmoud	A. Jagheef	
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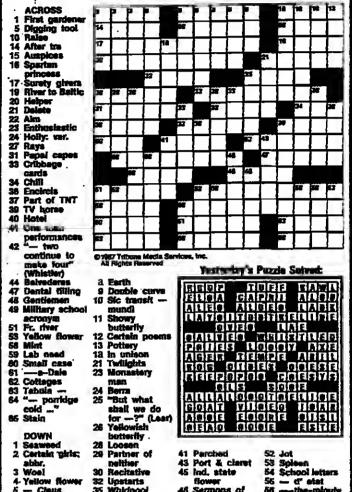
Rummenigge set to join Swiss club

GENEVA (R) - Former West German soccer captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has agreed to join Servette Geneva, a Swiss newspaper reported on Wednesday. The mass circulation daily Blick quoted Carlo Lavizzari, president of the Swiss First Division club, as saying be had received a telephone call on Tuesday from Rummenigge signalling his agreement to join Servette for two years. The report said talks had been going on for some time between the Geneva club and the 32-year-old Internazionale Milan player who was plagued by injuries last season.

New Zealand ends Australia's unbeaten

WELLINGTON (R) --- New Zealand ended a 14-match unbeaten run by Australia with a 1-0 victory in a soccer international on Wednesday. Striker Fred de Jong scored the only goal in the 18th

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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One ounce of gold 458.00/458.50

Japanese yen Swedish crowns 6.5850/5900 Norwegian crowns 6.9500/50 Danish crowns U.S. dollars

Bombay Stock Exchange. The boom at the exchange

ated stocks.

India Today put it: "The party's

Other experts contend that that market will eventually recover. "It's too sooo to write an obitu-Mr. Mahendra Kampani,

president of the Bombay Stock Exchange, said in an interview. "There are always temporary set-backs here and there. Our investors have to learn that."

bull markets of 1985 and 1986. And it has soured the Gandhi government's bopes that industry will be able to raise a growing amount of funds through the markets rather than having to rely on banks and the government for

The stock market is, in many ways, a victim of India's changing

exchanges in India, was organised

STOCKHOLM (R) - World

Bank President Barber Conable

said the bank needs \$60 to \$80 billion extra money, which would

about double its present budget,

if it is to cope with world poverty

Mr. Conable told reporters af-

ter meeting Scandinavian officials

that he would try to persnade

contributions at the bank's

in the 1990s.

The trading street's name. Dalal; is the word in the local Gujarati language for "broker."

The Bombay market still re-tains some of its street-corner flavour, with stocks bought and sold in a shouting and handwaving melee that reformers contend hides corruption.

Stocks initially were a rich man's domain amid the widespread poverty of India. But in recent years, the emergence of a 100-million-strong middle class has provided a growing base for

The boom was fuelled by Mr. Gandhi's pledge to lead India rapidly into the 21st century and his 1985-86 budget that cut busioess and individual tax rates and liber lead individual tax rates and liberalised industrial rules. Volume on the Bombay Stock

Exchange soared to 136 billion rupees (\$10.5 billion) in 1986, more than double the volume of. 1985 and six times that at the start of the decade.

shares doubled in one year, soarmg to a record 664.54 in February Critics charged at the time that

speculation was rampant and that stocks were becoming extremely overpriced. But ' few customers complained because so many wee 100 years ago to centralise trading making money — on paper if not

"We bope to have enough to

expand our lending programme

into the 1990s, but we need another \$60 to \$80 billion. We are

only as strong as the support member states give us," he said. Mr. Conable said the extra

funds would take the total World

Bank budget above \$100 billion.

He was optimistic but by no

in fact. When Mr. Gandhi's 1986-87 budget did not contain further tax rate cuts, as expected by business, the stock market began to soften. Then the market plum-meted when his 1987-88 budget

imposed a new tax on profits. Promise of the moon

"He promised the moon so we expected the moon," said one broker who asked that his name not be used. "We didn't get it, so here we are.

The sensitive index plunged to a low of 415.51 in June. It has since recovered to about 480, but volume on many days is less than one-tenth of that in the boom

Market analysts say most of the tradiog now is by such government-run institutions as insurance companies and the massive Unit Trust of India Mutal Fund, intervening to support the market. Small investors mainly want to sell, but often there are no takers

The meteoric rise and fall of the market also has drawn public attention to real shortcoming in India's largely self-regulated ex-

for their holdings, the analysts

The exchanges are not yet computerised or linked in any national system. All are accused of failing to police insider trading, speculation and other shady practices that can warp markets.

Some deals are questionable,

Mr. G.S. Patel, former chairmn of India's largest mutual fund, charged in a speech last February that the exchanges were creating "a casing culture."
"Malpractices like insider trad-

ing, rigging up of prices, creating false markets through spreading rumours, getting misleading in-formation published in newspapers, option and curb trading, manipulation of closing quota-tions of prices are rampant," Mr. Patel asserted.

He advocates formation of something like the U.S. securities and Exchange Commission to

oversee exchanges.
Mr. Gandhi's Finance Ministry, which has an official assigned to each major exchange, did intervene this year.

It ordered the exchanges to ban speculative trading that was driv-ing prices down. It also insisted that the exchanges enforce the oft-flouted rule requiring transactions to be settled within 90 prop-

osals for change.

Mr. C. Rangarajan, deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, the nation's central bank, sees this year's market movements as "partly corrective" and predicts improvement.

"I believe the fundamentals in terms of investment intentions and desires - are strong," he

said. "The market will turn

Gulf seeking end to excess oil output

VIENNA (Agencies) — OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman is expected to visit some of the group's states shortly to try to stop the excess oil output which is undermining the group's \$18 a barrel oil price, OPEC sources said on Wednesday.

They said details of the trip were likely to be worked out when five key OPEC ministers meet in Vienna from Thursday to discuss industry reports that the group produced close to 20 million barrels per day (b/d) in August instead of the 16.6 million b/d limit it agreed at summit talks here in June.

Industry experts say that Iraq, Kuwait, Irao and the United Arab Emirates are pumping well above the quotas allocated them by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) last full conference in June, largely because of tension in the Gulf.

They said that some states in

They said that some states in the regioo overstepped their quotas to take advantage of higher oil prices caused by oil market fears of a showdown between Iran and its Arab neighbours or U.S. warsbips which might disrupt supplies.

Some analysts believe Gulf states may also have over-produced because they feared that the Strait of Hormuz, conduit for about one-seventh of Western oil supplies, might be closed by a Gulf war flareup and lose them precious revenue.

Overproduction and its effect on world oil market prices will be under review when Mr. Lukman and ministers from Saudi Arabia. Venezuela, Indonesia and Algeria meet on Thursday, OPEC sources said.

Mr. Lukman, who has described reports that OPEC produced 19.7 million b/d in August as wildly exaggerated, heard an assessment of OPEC production from experts at the group's Vienna-based secretariat soon after he arrived here on Tuesday.

Oil analysts say that world demand for OPEC crude in the last three months of this year is expected to be 17.2 million b/d, plus another million bought to build up stocks before the arrival of the northern winter, when demand is

The reported quota violations have knocked about \$3 a barrel of free market oil prices in the past month, although prices are still supported by oil market fears of a major clash between the Gulf protagonists or Iran and the Un-

protagonists or Iran and the United States.

OPEC officials fear that quota violations might undermine the role that the group has regained in the past eight months as arbiter of world oil prices.

At the turn of the year, OPEC

set itself ontput curbs to support a return to take-it-or-leave-it fixed oil prices around an \$18 per barrel reference price for contract

It spelled the eod of a year of disarray when gross over-produc-tion pushed prices down from more than \$30 in 1985 to lows of around \$9 in mid-1986.

Until the middle of this year when Gulf tension rose. OPEC appeared firmly in control of world oil market trends and many analysts forecast that the group might even raise prices to around \$20 a barrel at its next meeting in

But quota violations have chipped away at the united image OPEC presented at the start of 1987, and Thursday's committee meetings reflect the concern of five key OPEC ministers that the group might be losing its influence, oil analysts said.

Of the tive countries in the

talks, none are reported to be exceeding their quotas significantly, and the ministers are regarded as amongst the best strategists in the group.

"They might be the wise core but they haven't stopped OPEC producing at 19.7 million b/d. commented Londoo analyst Mehdi Varzi of brokers Kleinwort Grieveson Securities. The ministers, grouped to two

committees, ooe studying output and the other reviewing prices. are expected to appeal to the group to abide by quotas agreed in June. A major headache is Iraq, which rejected the quota assigned

it in June, demanding an allocarion equal to the much bigger one assigned to its Gulf war foe Iran. lraq is now pumping around two million b/d - Iran's quota is

2.3 million. The issue is further complicated by tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia, architects of the present accord, following the

July Mecca riots in which more than 400 people died. The two countries are waging a war of words over who was responsible for the violence, but a

common need for revenue is expected to enable the two states to work together again within OPEC, although there may be friction, oil analysts said. Egypt expresses concern Meanwhile, Egypt is seriously

worried by the glut in the world's oil market that has resulted from overproduction by some mem-bers of OPEC, Oil Mioister Abdul Hadi Kandil said Wednesday. Egypt will watch closely for

developments on prices and production quotas that may emerge Thursday, Mr. Kandil said. His statement was distributed

by the state-run Middle East News Agency (MENA).

"Egypt views with deep con-cern the recent increase in crude oil productioo resulting in oversupply on the world market that was caused by failure of producing countries, particularly those in the Gulf region, to stick to their quotas in violation of the agreement reached at the last OPEC session," Mr. Kandil said,

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices were above the day's lows in late trading here as Wall Street recovered after a weak opening ahead of Friday's U.S. trade figures for July, dealers said. Volume continued thin, with dealers saying there was little incective for buyers ahead of Friday, when shares could be even cheaper. Even some better than expected half-year company

reports failed to lift the market ont of its gloom.

At 1423 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 20.8 points lower at 2,254.2, after reaching a low of 2,247.4 at 1348 GMT. Dealers said prices nere would probably track the New York market for the rest of the session, with no pick-up of business expected.

Most observers are forecasting the U.S. trade deficit in July will probably widen from June's \$15.71 billion. Dealers say a trade gap of around \$16 billion may already be discounted in the markets but that anything substantially above this will be greeted

A larger than expected deficit would be likely to send Wall Street sharply lower and lead to fears that the U.S. discount rate will again bave to be increased. The U.S. Federal Reserve surprised the markets last Friday with a half-point rise in the discount rate to six per cent. Dealers noted trading on foreign exchange was nervously quiet ahead of Friday's U.S. data.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Use resourcefulness and ingenuity to overcome minor problems in husiness and personal affairs. This will inspire trust in your associates and help you progress in many areas.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Concentrate on business matters today — home worries can wait for now. The evening is good for social affairs. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may have difficul-

ty commonicating with people other than relatives to-day, so stay at home as much as possible. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Postpone dealing with money matters and assist a friend. Visiting would be

nice, but be sure to drive carefully. MOON CHILDREN June 22 to Jul. 21) If someone makes a strange comment, don't take offense; as it may. not have been meant for you directly.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Continuing to procrastinate would be a big mistake. Take care of those problems which have needed attention. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

usually impose on you. Get together with friends you haven't seen for a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Today is a bad time for asking favors of an important person, as he or she may

be too busy to help you right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact those who have been successful and get their advice. You know little about this area, so don't go solo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid arguing about bills before you double check the facts. Be siert

to a great opportunity nearby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A problem between

you and a partner is best left to blow over. Relax at home tonight with some quiet entertainment. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Speak to a public figure you know about how to improve your situation.

Listen carefully to advice given you.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Forget about that expensive recreation and concentrate on problems which require immediate attention.

1F YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... ha or she

should be taught to overcome nervousness with reason and logic. Be sure to give your child plenty of praise for a job well done, but don't dwell on shortcomings. Having plenty of good books around would be a good way to help pique intellectual curiosity.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1987 GENERAL TENDENCIES: Much can be accomplished in the very early morning and in the even-ing. Don't look for gift horses during the daytime, as

you will not find any. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Avoid causing any uneccessary friction at home. Don't be too forceful in sup-

porting your opinions.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be extremely cautious in writing anything today. Friends could cause you trouble if you're not tactful. GEMIN1 (May 21 to June 21) Get your wardrobe in

order — that shopping trip may not be needed. Friends can give you good financial advice. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Activities which require a lot of energy would be good for you. Don't let anyone control your thoughts. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Concentrate on the future

today. Be watchful for a new enterprise which could prove to be quite lucrative.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Improve your efficiency and you can be done with that piled-up work. This evening should be very interesting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Spend some time on a quiet hobby you haven't thought about for some time.

Invite a good friend to join you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A trip you ve been con-

sidering is best postponed until there aren't so many conflicts to be dealt with. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Follow your in-

tuition today, he's really very accurate. Don't be too serious, you really need to unwind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Steer clear of a neryous friend. Invite some guests in and fulfill your social

obligations. Avoid touchy topics.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can get needed backing for an important project, all you need do is sak.
Success will equal the effort you expend.
PISCES (Fab. 20 to Mar. 20) If you explain the prac-

tical side of a new plan, you can get a lot of cooperation from co-workers. Use reason and logic.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will

have an interesting life from the earliest years, and will get assistance from influential people. Teach your child to be punctual and to keep any promises that are made. This will help to build up good will from others and the bank account at the same time. bank account at the same time.

Boom goes bust at Bombay stock market Lukman to tour

BOMBAY (AP) — There's not a that had gone on informally for lot of joy these days on Dalal years under lush banyan trees in Street, the frenetic home of the the beart of this industrial city.

sparked by the election of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1984 and by his pledge to modernise the nation has gone bust, and now there are lots of sellers and few buyers for heavily depreci-

As the leading news magazine

The latest down turn has burt the pocketbooks of millions of Indians lured into stocks by the

The Bombay Stock Exchange, the oldest and largest of the 14

the markets.

Prices on the exchange's "sensitive index" of 30 active

World Bank needs funds to battle poverty 1944, is the main international agency for channelling aid funds African nations.

to developing countries. "My hopes for the conference have been bolstered by the support of the Nordic countries they have set a constructive staodard for other members,"

Mr. Conable said the annual World Bank members to increase contributions at the bank's annual meeting late September. means certain of the money.

The World Bank, set up under the Bretton Woods agreement of (IMF), would discuss the critical

debt situation in sub-Saharan One possibility was a resche-

duling of African debt, be added, as well as possible interest rate concessions by the so-called Paris Club of the main lending nations. Mr. Conable said be would also

appeal for wealthy countries to keep world markets open.

Also on the agenda would be Brazilian loan repayments.

Brazil drops interest repayment proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brazilian Finance Minister Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira said Tuesday be has dropped a controversial plan to issue bonds instead of paying overdue interest on about \$35 billion worth of Brazil's debt to

He said he dropped the plan at the suggestion of U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker. .

"We're going to offer a volun-ry system of discounts instead," he told reporters on the steps of out \$70 billion. the U.S. Treasury. He explained that the discounts

cipal of Brazil's \$111 billion in foreign debt would not be affected. The earlier plan would have offered the creditor banks no choice. Mr. Bresser Pereira did not say what would be done

tors did oot accept bonds. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Treasury. Brazil has been shaking the international financial structure

about the interest for which credi-

by refusing to pay any interest to banks since February. It bas been making no payments on principal since 1983. If the interest suspension continues into October, U.S. authorities may compel American banks to set aside more reserves to protect their depositors against losses.

Brazil's new offer will be made at a meeting with representatives of banks scheduled for Sept. 23; added, Brazil owes banks ab-It is the biggest debtor to the Third World, which owes more

on the interest would be worked than \$1 trillion. Sunday's election, out with each bank, but the prinin Argentina resulted in unexpected gains for the opposition Justicialista Party that seeks a moratorium on the \$53 billion that country owes. Mr. Bresser Pereira is planning

to meet his counterparts next month from Argentina and Mexico, which owed nearly \$100 bil-"Others have their G-5 and G-7," he said referring to the

groups of creditor governments.

We have our three."

He said Mr. Baker had been worried by the reports of a Brazilian proposals to issue bonds for interest due on half Brazil's debt to banks. "So we accepted not to prop-

ose that," be said, "But there will be a large voluntary programme. The banks can take bonds in aslarge a quantity as they like at a fixed rate of interest. If Brazil's exports are higher than foreseen, we'll pay the bondholders a 'kicker' - an extra amount."

that there should be an agreement between Brazil and the creditor banks before Brazil seeks an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In the past, banks bave insisted that before making concessions to

Mr.. Bresser Pereira said Mr.

Baker had accepted his posicion

a creditor government, it must submit itself to an agreement with the IMF on the government's economic policies.

The IMF is owned by 151 governments, with the United States having the largest bloc of

votes. Its executive board is due

to meet Wednesday on the Brazilian problem. Mr. Bresser Pereira said that

after an agreement with the IMF. he would seek additional loans from governments and intergovernmental bodies. Later the Treasury Department issued a statement saying that Mr. Baker had told Mr.

Bresser Pereira that the earlier plan to issue bonds for the unpaid interest was a "non-starter." "There was general agreement that Brazil's problems should be addressed in a conventional way and both parties agreed to continue to consult closely to that end," the statement said.

It added that both men understood that any arrangement to delay payments to official creditors rather than to banks would require a formal arrangement between Brazil and the IMF.

clients. Such an arrangement would be unpopular in Brazil, where the IMF is widely seen as imposing austerity measures on Third World countries that ask its belp.

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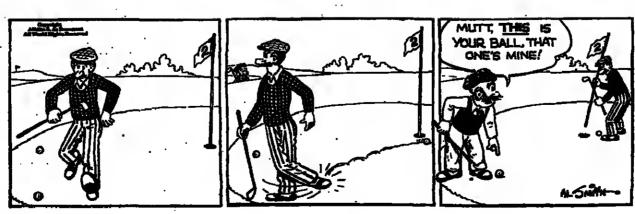








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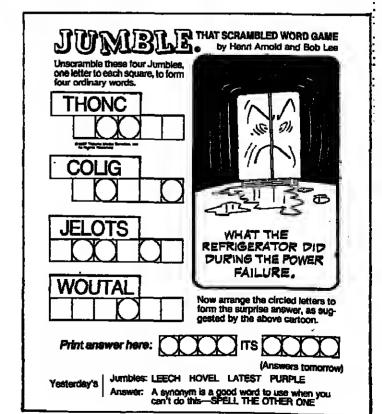


Andy Capp



THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS

"It helped him give up pipe tobacco but now he's addicted to soap."



Philippine cabinet resigns to give Aquino free hand that eventually quelled the abortive Aug. 28 coup, which left 53 people dead and 300 wounded.

MANILA (R) — All 26 members of Philippine President Corazon Aquino's cabinet submitted their resignations on Wednesday to allow her to reorganise her government, Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno told reporters.

"All the members of the Aquino officially accepted the cabinet have tendered their resignations to the president. This was a sort of spontaneous com-bustion. Nobody motivated it, not a single group," Mr. Benigno

"Almost all of us seemed to have thought of the idea almost at the same time because we felt under the circumstances it would be necessary on our part to ten-der our resignation," he said, adding there was no firm date fixed for Mrs. Aquino to announce her new cabinet.

Mr. Benigno said Vice-President Salvador Lanrel, who was in the southern Philippine city of

foreign affairs secretary. He said the cabinet would con-

government. Mr. Arroyo, who is Mrs. Zamboanga, had been notified and had resigned from his post of Aquino's closest civilian adviser and widely regarded as anti-milit-

effective npon acceptance by the ence in the military operations tinue to function until Mrs. Brazilian minister kille

BRASILIA (R) — Brazil's The three-member crew and Minister of Agrarian Reform five ministry officials accompany-Marcos Freire and eight others died on Tuesday when their plane exploded in mid-air just after take-off from an airport in the Amazon jungle, the air force

It said Mr. Freire, 56, was on his way back to Brasilia from the town of Carajas in the northern province of Para after a visit to government projects in the

(AP) — The cabinet has offered

to resign so President Raul

Alfonsin can make whatever

changes he feels necessary after

The eight ministers made the

customary gesture after a meeting

late Monday at Mr. Alfonsin's

official residence in suburban Oli-

vos, and the president has not yet

decided to accept any of the resignations, Mr. Martinez said

Mr. Alfonsin has not made a

the Hamburg teenager sentenced

illegally flying to Red Square,

The weekly Moscow News,

which has been at the forefront of

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev's campaign for openness, said Rust's release by the order of

some high official would be the

kind of arbitrary bureaucracy that

the Soviet Union was trying to

would be a pardon foreseen by the law," said its correspondent

Rust's defence lawyer Vsevo-

pilot and his parents planned to

"But quite another matter

might be pardoned.

Andrei Gurkov.

last weekend's election losses to the Peronists, Vice President Vic-

tor Martinez says.

The three-member crew and ing Mr. Freire also died in the crash, the air force said. The cause was not immediately

resignations.

The mass resignation came a

day after Mrs. Aquino's Executive Secretary Joker Arroyo ac-

cused three prominent business-men and a leading military officer of promoting instability through a

propaganda campaign.
The cabinet's action came 12

days after troops loyal to Mrs.

Aquino put down the bloodiest

coup attempt in her 18-month

rule. The resignations followed

calls by Mrs. Aquino's sister-in-

law Teresita Aquino Oreta, a cougresswoman, and other politi-

cians for a revamping of the

ary, has been accused of interfer-

The air force said the minister and his party were in an air force jet when they crashed eight seconds after taking off from the airport at Carajas, site of the world's richest iron ore project. It identified one of the other

Spokesman Jose Ignacio Lopez said he would not act precipitous-ly after his radical civic union's

losses in gubernatorial and leg-

Mr. Ignacio Lopez said the

Official sources said Mr.

Alfonsin would address the na-

tion on Thursday, applauding

Argentines for clean elections

and reaffirming the success of democracy four years after his

civilian government replaced a

His party lost 12 seats and its

president "is analysing and re-

flecting on," the results.

military government.

public statement on the elections. three-vote majority in the 254-

Soviet weekly suggests

Rust could be pardoned

islative contests.

victims of the crash as Jose Eduardo Raduan, president of the government's Agrarian Re-

form Institute (Incra). Mr. Freire was appointed minister on June 3 to succeed Dante de Oliveira, who resigned

Asked by reporters why he had resigned, Mr. Arroyo said his action was voluntary and added:

The resignations were

announced after an emergency

cabinet meeting at the presiden-

The mass resignations mirrored

similar action last November

after military officers close to former Defence Minister Juan

Ponce Enrile were linked to a

Mrs. Aquino dropped Mr. En-rile and four other ministers in-

the cabinet she named after those

resignations.
"We had a dispassionate

assessment of the situation and in

the end we thought maybe the

president, given all the events, should be given a free hand to

reorganise the government,"

Cabinet Secretary Jose de Jesus

'It's a conrtesy resignation

"I'm happy."

A former governor and senator

of the north eastern state of Pernambuco, Mr. Freire was president of the Federal Savings Bank before becoming minister. Argentine cabinet offers resignation

member House of Deputies. The

Peronists also picked up four governorships from the Radicals

in Sunday's elections and now

hold 16 of the nation's 22.
Peronists still trail the Radicals in the lower house by 107 seats to

118. A small rightist free-market

party, the Centre Democratic

Union, gained enough to become

the nation's third-ranking party,

and leftist factions lost ground.

for the cabinet to offer a mass

resignation after an election loss

so the president can make

changes without the necessity of

dismissing ministers.

It is the practice in Argentina

black in Soweto, the country'slargest township outside Johan-The motive for the murder was not made clear, as in the case of a

president," Labour Secretary

Hours before the resignations,

Mrs. Aquino brushed aside re-

porters' questions and left Mr.

"I'm not going to answer any of that," she said. "There will be

time for me to answer all those

been demanded by several con-

gressmen, church and business

groups and leaders of the abortive Ang. 28 coup attempt.

Mr. Arroyo had told Congress

that the three businessmen and

military spokesman Col. Honesto Isleta were "enemies of the government," whose campaigns to have him sacked amounted to "treason of the highest and "

"treason of the highest order."

Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Concepcion's twin brother,

Ranl, head of the manufacturing

firm Concepcion Industries;

Cesar Buenaventura, president of Philipinas Shell, and Roy Navar-

ro, chairman of accounting firm

Sycip, Gorres and Velayo.

violence

Wednesday.

2 blacks die

in S. African

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Two hlack men were stabbed to death,

a teenager was saved from a "necklace" burning and security

forces came under attack in a

flare-up of South African

township violence, police said on

A bulletin on politically-moti-

vated violence said a group of men cut the throat of a fellow

The three businessmen were

Mr. Arroyo's resignation had

Franklin Drilon said.

Arroyo's future open.

similar killing at Edendale near Pietermaritzburg.

Dozens of blacks accused of collaborating with white authorities have been lynched by

township radicals over the past three years, many of them dying by the so-called necklace blazing tyre around the neck.

Police said they saved the latest necklace victim on Tuesday when they dispersed a mob and rescued a 14-year-old boy at Claremont near the Indian Ocean port of

Colombo put on security alert

COLOMBO (R) — A security beration Front). alert was declared in the Sri

Lankan capital and its suburbs to thwart suspected plans by a banned leftist group to kill govern-ment supporters, police officials said on Wednesday.

The state of alert began on

Tuesday following police seizure of rifles, ammunition and bombs believed stolen by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Li-

Troops with automatic rifles were seen on some roads and at government departments near the president's office.

Ortega's Soviet trip may help contra cause in U.S. — aides

do it," said another official, who also spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Moscow following rejection of an aid package for the contras by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives. Angered hy Ortega's trip, the house quickly reversed itself and approved con-

Hoping Mr. Ortega'e plan will have the same impact again, the Reagan administration adopted a low-key stand about the announcement that the Nicra-guan leader will be in Moscow to celebrate the Russian Revolution on Nov. 7, the day a newly signed Central American peace plan is

idential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater was to question whether Mr. Ortega was "visiting the homeland."

State Department spokesman Charles Redman noted that the Soviet Union and Nicaragua have been close friends since the start of the Sandinista revolution.

in a speech Tuesday that the United States should resolve to help the contras if the new peace accord fails to produce democra-

"Let's be clear about one contras expires on Sept. 30. will not abandon our friends in the peace process will tilt the Nicaragua. We share their desire balance in Congress against any

Thousands flee as new floods hit Bangladesh

DHAKA (R) — Nearly 50,000 people have sought refuge in temporary camps after heavy rains caused a second wave of floods in northern Bangladesh, officials said on Wednesday.

They said worst-affected by the new deluge were Sirajganj and Pabna districts where the Padma, Brahmaputra, Mahananda and other rivers swelled above their danger levels following the rains.

Army and civil officials had evacuated thousands, of marooned people, but many more were still stranded in their flooded homes in remote villages. "This would set back efforts to

rehabilitate millions of people ravaged by the previous floods and cut off relief supplies," one official at Sirajganj told Renters.

The previous floods, also set off by excessive rains, had killed more than 700 people and destroyed crops and property worth

Besides, more than 200 people had died of diarrhoea and dysentery because they drank contaminated water and ate rotten food. Health Minister Salahnddin Ouader Chowdhary said on Monday.

More than 2,500 medical teams were fighting to save nearly 170,000 people infected by the diseases, he added.

Addressing a rally in the flood swept northern town of Debiganj on Tuesday, President Hossain Mohammad Ershad dismissed charges by opposition leaders that many people had starved to death after the floods.

"No one has died from starvation as a result of quick and timely supplies of food and arrangements for post-flood re-habilitation," the state television quoted him as saying.

Gary Hart to stay out of presidential race

WASHINGTON (R) — Former Democratic aspirants.
Colorado Senator Gary Hart ended speculation about a possible comeback on Tuesday by reaffirming that he will stay out of the Democratic Party's 1988 presidential nomination battle.

"I'm not running for president. have no plans to run for president," Mr. Hart said on televi-

But Mr. Hart, who quit the race on May 8 because of a scandal over his relationship with 29-year-old model Donna Rice, said he would continue to speak on public issues.

am going to give speeches and I am going to try to have an impact," he said.

"I want to be part of this debate and I think I have some unique points of view, if I may say so, to add. And I think it would be a sin to go hack to troublesome Gulch (his Colorado home) and hide and I'm not going to do it."

Mr. Hart is due to deliver a foreign policy lecture in Philadelphia on Thursday. Talk of a comeback was stirred

late last month when his former campaign manager, William Dix-on, told a Wisconsin radio station the former senator would probably re-enter the race.

Mr. Dixon's suggestion was bolstered by opinion polls showing Mr. Hart with more support than any of the current eight tion," he said.

Mr. Hart, holidaying in Ireland at the time, sent word through aides that he had no such plans. But until Tuesday night he had not made any personal statement.

Mr. Hart also admitted on Tuesday he had been unfaithful to his wife Lee at some time during their 29-year marriage but be would not say whether he had sexual relations with Rice.

"If the question is, in the 29 years of my marriage including two public separations have I been absolutely and totally faithful to my wife,' I regret to say the answer is no," Mr. Hart said.
"But I also am never going to answer any specific question ab-

answer any specific question about any individual." For the first time, Mr. Hart also apologised for his relationship with Rice.

"I want to say to all of yon how sorry I am and apologise for those actions," he said,

"No one's perfect. I was not running for sainthood."

Mr. Hart said he was guilty of bad judgment but that his transgressions were far less serious than mistakes made by Reagan. "No troops were sent into com-

bat to die unnecessarily, no laws were broken, no papers were shredded, no money changed hands, no one lied to Congress and every one of those things happened under this administra-

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2 charged in U.S. kidnap-slaying

KANKAKEE, Ill. (R) — A man and woman were charged on Tuesday with the killing of Stephen Small, heir to a media fortune, who died after being buried alive in a crude, coffin-like box. Prosecutor William Herzog said Daniel Edwards. 30, and Nancy Rish, 25, who lived near Kankakee, were charged with first-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping. He said Edwards was unemployed and Rish sold cosmetics. A third person, Kent Allain, 33, of Kankakee, was charged with illegal possession of drugs and weapons, but Herzog said there was not enough evidence to link him to the kidnapping and the charges were uncovered during the investigation. The three were arrested on Friday night shortly before the body of Small, 40, was found three feet below ground in a wooded area near Kankakee. Police have said they are seking at least two other people. Small, a cousin of a former owner of the United Press International (UPI) news agency, was kidnapped last Wednesday after being lured to one of his properties in the middle of the night by a caller who claimed to be a police officer and said there had been a burglary. His wife later received \$1-million ransom demand. But the kidnappers did not contract the family again and police on Friday found Small's body buried in a plywood box with a breathing tube and an electric light wired to two automobile batteries. Medical officials said he apparently suffocated not long after he was buried.

Reagan ranks 'at the bottom'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan "ranks at the bottom" among U.S. presidents, while history will eventually view Harry Truman as one of the best, says Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. In an interview to be broadcast Sunday on WUSA-TV, Marshall said his low opinion of Mr. Reagan stems from an erosion of civil rights under the current administration. "I don't care whether he's the president, the governor, the mayor, the sheriff. Whoever calls the shots determines whether we have integration, segregation or decency," Marshall said. "That starts exactly with the president." cy," Marshall said. "That starts exactly with the Marshall, 79, predicted that "Truman will come out on top" in the Marshall, 79, predicted that "Reagan ranks with Herbert judgment of history, but that Mr. Reagan ranks with Herbert Hoover and Woodrow Wilson as one of the worst presidents ever. 'Honestly, I think he's down there with Hoover and that group. and Wilson, when we didn't have a chance," said Marshall, the first black on the supreme court. Marshall also had harsh words for the way Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy dealt with civil rights issues. He saved some of his highest praise for the president who nominated him, Lyndon B. Johnson. Calling Johnson the "greatest civil rights president," Marshall said he thinks Johnson's aggressive pursuit of equal rights for all Americans ultimately cost him support. "His plans were unbelievable, the things he was going to do. But he was too far ont," Marshall said. "He wasn't thrown out because of Vietnam. They just used that as an excuse to get rid of him."

Band-leader saved from eviction

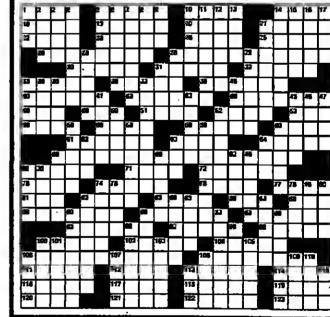
LOS ANGELES (R) — Band-leader Woody Herman, who faced being evicted from his Hollywood Hills home even though he is bedridden, can stay for at least another 15 months under a court agreement worked out on Tuesday. Singers Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Peggy Lee had offered to pay the living expenses of the 74-year-old three-time Grammy Award winner, who now needs full-time nursing. But, under the agreement worked out in Los Angeles superior court between Herman, his daughter, Ingrid Herman Reese, and their landlord, William Little, the band-leader can stay if he pays his rent of \$1,150 a month and \$1,600 in back rent. A local jazz radio station has agreed to pay the back rent, said Herman's lawyer; Kirk Pasich, who is providing his services free. Herman had such hits as Woodchopper's Ball and Caldonia and made more than 100 record albums. "You hate to see him basically penniless," Pasich said. Herman bought the house, once owned by Humphrey Bogart, for \$400,000.

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Opening lead: Nine of O

British House of Lords and the House of Commons did battle royal. Not in the lists, but over the green baize in a contest originated by one of the world's great woman players, Rixi Markus. This year's contest was won by the House of Commons to even out the series at six apiece. However, the prize for the best hand went to Lord

showed his skill at dissecting con-

MOSCOW (R) — An influential supreme Court last week, the Soviet newspaper suggested on Wednesday that Mathias Rust, said the sentence was humane, while other Soviet newspapers to four years in a labour camp for attacked Rust as a conceited

But Moscow News was more sympathetic, calling him a lonely boy who could not find his place in the world.

"Others in his position become punks or drug addicts or join sects but Mathias Rust flew to Moscow. Of course, he wanted to glorify and reassure himself but it was a good deed and not an

less Western press speculation this summer as to why Rust had flown to Moscow in May doomed the slim, bespectacled 19-year-

lod Yakovlev was quoted as saying on Tuesday that both the old to extra interrogations.

He is still being held in Moscow's Lefortovo Prison, where

appeal to the Kremlin for After the trial in the Soviet

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For the 12th year in a row, the declarer intended to cross back to the table to lead a club toward the this club losers to one in all situa-

A noted surgeon, Lord Smith

inflammatory act," it said.

Moscow News added that end-

KGB security police questioned

tracts as well as people. He and his partner did well to stay out of three no trump, the contract that Both vulnerable. East deals. was arrived at and defeated in the other room. The credit for that goes largely to the Duke of Atholi for his bid of four clubs. Against five clubs West led a deceptive nine of diamonds. Declarer

won that in dummy and might have been forgiven had he taken a club finesse. That would have meant down one-East would have ruffed the diamond return and cashed the ace of hearts to ensure the set. Lord Smith, however, had been down that road before. He ied a club to the ace, and great was the

fall thereon. It was then a simple matter to cross to the table with the ace of spades to take a finesse for the jack of clubs and land the contract with an overtrick. True, Lord Smith's play might have given up the chance for the overtrick on those hands where East held the king of chubs guarded but once, but it rated to save a guess in many situations. Had no honor fallen under the ace of clubs,

queen. That would have limited

tions but K-J-x with West, a state

of affairs about which declarer

could do nothing.

cy in Nicaragua. thing," Mr. Reagan said. "We will not abandon our friends in for peace, prosperity and demo- renewal of military aid.

ped up at electricity plants and other vulnerable installations.

Officials said roadblocks had been set up and vehicles were being checked at points leading to Colombo. Security was also step-

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S. cracy. And we will support them officials are expressing delight over Nicaraguan President ported them in the past." Daniel Ortega's planned trip to Moscow, saying it will give a boost to the White House's troubled campaign to aid the contra

"Whoever is planning Danny Ortega's schedule is obviously on our side," one White House official said Tuesday. "We love it."
"It's hard to believe he would

Two years ago, Mr. Ortega made his first official visit to

to go into effect.

The only comment from pres-

For his part, Mr. Reagan said

in that quest, just as we've sup-

Mr. Reagan said that "if the recent peace agreement does not work, let's resolve that they will be able to count on our continuing assistance until Nicaragua

is a genuine democracy. Speaking to political appointees in his administration, Mr. Reagan acknowledged: "In recent weeks the issue in Central America seems at times to have become confused — who is prop-osing what, how many likely

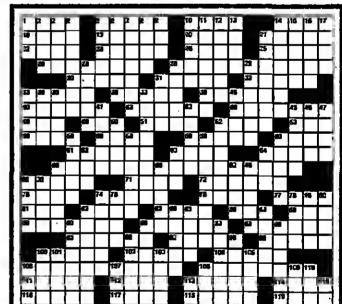
votes are there on Capitol Hill for this or that. "But the real issue has never changed: The real issue is peace and democracy in Central America and the national security of

the United States," he said. To have democracy, he said, the Nicaraguan government must declare an immediate ceasefire and a general amnesty, accompanied by "the negotiated release of the thousands of political prisoners now beld in Sandinista jails, a firm date for free, contested and internationally supervised national elections and the immediate recognition of fundamental hu-

In the view of many Reagan administration officials, proposals to aid the contras in Nicaragua have been seriously jeopardised by the Central American peace agreement signed a month ago. The accord, signed by five Central American presidents, de-mands an end to U.S. aid to the

coutras and gives the Sandinista

governmment in Nicaragua until Nov. 7 to arrange a ceasefire and undertake democratic reforms. The current allocation of \$100 million in U.S. military aid to the Administration officials have said



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